

Youth Family History Certification

Project My Story: Past and Present

LEVEL 1

To check mark items as completed, left click to highlight check box (one click highlights entire list, two clicks highlights one box). Then right click and change symbol to check mark (mac laptop users, right click is a two finger tap).

1. Do Temple ordinances for our ancestors – FIND, TAKE, TEACH

- Memorize your family search username and password
- Learn how to use “Pandora’s Hope Chest” to find a name to take to the temple (*YW Knowledge 8*)
- Reserve and print ordinances that need work
- Complete the baptisms and confirmation
- Teach someone else how to use “Pandora’s Hope Chest”

2. Get to know your ancestors and preserve memories

- Upload a photo, story or audio to “FamilySearch Memories” or the “FamilySearch Memories app.”
- Print out a fan chart of your family tree on FamilySearch.org.
- Fill out the “Myself” and “My Parents” sections of the *My Family* booklet.
- Complete one of the following:
 - Write in your journal at least once a week for 6 weeks. (*YW Divine Nature 6*) (*Genealogy Merit badge 2b*)
 - Visit places that are important to your family. Take pictures and tell stories of what happened there. Upload the photos to “FamilySearch Memories” and add a description.
 - Find your ancestor’s graves. Visit the cemetery in person or search for their headstone on BillionGraves.com or FindaGrave.com.
 - Study the Doctrine of Eternal Families and Family History Work then teach someone what you’ve learned (*Duty to God : Understand Doctrine*)
- Complete one of the following:
 - Look at your FamilySearch Family Tree and find one ancestor who has a story attached. Read the story and view all the pictures. (*YW Choice & Accountability 8: Look for choices your ancestor made and how those affected his life*)
 - Take a picture of a family heirloom and upload it to “FamilySearch Memories” with a description of the story behind it.
 - Make a favorite family recipe or a recipe that your ancestor would likely have eaten in their location and time period.

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- Read the Patriarchal Blessing of one of your ancestors, if you don't have one request one at [lds.org Patriarchal Blessings](https://www.lds.org/Patriarchal-Blessings). (*YW Divine Nature 8*)

3. Create a record of our dead that is “worthy of all acceptance” (D&C 128:24)

- Index at least one batch of records. (*YW Good Works 6*) (*Duty to God: Serve Others*)
- Choose one ancestor on your “FamilySearch Family Tree” landscape view that has a record hint (the blue icon). Review and attach the record to that ancestor. (*Genealogy Merit badge 4b & c*)
- Choose any person on your tree, look at their “Person Page” and make sure each of the dates and places are standardized. Hint: Hover over the date or place to see if it matches the “standardized” suggestion in the pop-up. If it doesn't, click edit to make it match the correct information.

LEVEL 2

1. Do Temple ordinances for our ancestors – FIND, TAKE, TEACH

- Memorize your family search username and password
- Learn how to use “Virtual Pedigree” or “Puzilla” to add people to your tree who need their temple work done. (*YW Knowledge 8*)
- Reserve and print ordinances that need work
- Complete the baptisms and confirmation
- Teach someone else how to use “Virtual Pedigree” or “Puzilla.”

2. Get to know ancestors and preserve memories

- Complete one of the following:
 - Find a way to preserve your social media posts. You could use a website such as JRNL that will let you pull in your Facebook or Instagram posts.
 - Using your family information on FamilySearch.org create a family tree out of photos or some other creative medium. Look on Pinterest for fun ideas
 - Create a timeline for yourself or ancestor and write a short life sketch. Try a fun website such as Twile or the LifeCake – Baby Photo Timeline app. (*Genealogy Merit badge 2a*)
 - Use Google’s MyMap to track and mark 4 family history lines for at least 4 generations.
- Complete one of the following:
 - Find a story on FamilySearch about an ancestors, use it to illustrate a gospel principle in a Family Home Evening lesson you teach. (*YW Faith 3*) (*Genealogy Merit badge 9*)
 - Interview a grandparent or relative about their life. Upload the audio file or a written version of the interview to FamilySearch Memories. See ideas in the *New Era’s* [“A Menu for a Great Interview.”](#) Note: Living people may have to be added to your tree and are only visible to you. (*YW Choice & Accountability 8: Ask your relative about their choices and how those have affected their life; YW Integrity 4*) (*Genealogy Merit badge 3*)
 - Visit the cemetery and upload a photo of your ancestors headstone on “BillionGraves.com.”
 - Use pictures, video, and stories to make a video of one of your relatives or ancestors and share with friends and family on social media or family event.
 - Celebrate an ancestor’s birthday with a party in their honor. Share stories and photos about them.
 - Collect favorite family recipes and share with other family members.
 - Read the Patriarchal Blessing of one of your ancestors, if you don’t have one request one at [lds.org Patriarchal Blessings](https://www.lds.org/Patriarchal-Blessings). Study a life history of that ancestor to find ways the Patriarchal Blessing was fulfilled in your ancestor’s lifetime. (*YW Divine Nature 8*)

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3. Create a record of our dead that is “worthy of all acceptance” (D&C 128:24)

- Index at least two batches of records. (*YW Good Works 6*) (*Duty to God: Serve Others*)
- Work with one of your consultants to learn how to resolve duplicates in Family Tree.
- Create an account for all partner sites at <https://familysearch.org/partneraccess>: Ancestry, FindMyPast, My Heritage, American Ancestors, and Geneanet. Then search for an ancestor on each site.
- Choose an ancestor and note a location where he lived.
 1. On FamilySearch.org click on the “Search” tab and then click on “map” to pinpoint the location.
 2. Click on the “Show all Collections” button.
 3. Choose a collection that your ancestor might be in and try searching for that ancestor.