

FAMILY HISTORY CHARADES INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation

- Grab a stack of 3x5 cards or print the Family History Charades PDF and cut out the cards
- Decide on what rules you will use
 - Which family members the stories can be about i.e. only use ancestors starting with a certain generation, only stories from grandma and grandpa and on down to the cousins, etc.
 - Act out with speaking or pantomime only
 - Allow only one person to act out at a time or allow teams of 2-3 or more to act out the story together
 - Consider pairing up people from different generations to act out the story together - i.e. kids paired up with adults, grandparents with grand-kids, uncle and nephew, etc.
- Get two bowls to put the cards in, one for each team
- Find a timer that you can set to 3 minutes for each charade
- Ask someone to record the game to watch later!

Game procedure

1. Divide into two teams.
2. Give everyone 3x5 cards and ask them to write down a memorable moment from your shared family history and put them in their team's bowl.
3. Invite one or two people from Team A to draw a card out of Team B's bowl and then act out or pantomime (you choose) the story to get their team to guess it within 3 minutes.
4. Repeat with someone from Team B drawing out of Team A's bowl.
5. Go back and forth until everyone has had a turn or all the cards are gone.

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