

# Leeds Castle Learning

## My History



History is not just about people that lived a long time ago and events that happened centuries ago. Yesterday is history too. It is gone and we will never live through it again! Our family history is our story. Who our ancestors were makes us who we are today.

This worksheet is for you to record your family history. In years to come, if you have children of your own in the future, they will want to know where they come from. This is your opportunity to explore your family and have fun while learning it!

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Genealogy is a big word that means the study of families, family history and tracing where you come from.

This workbook is not just an activity, it is also a record for you to keep, and add to. Start with who you are.

**My name is** .....

**I was born on** ..... **and am** ..... **years old**

**My mother is** ..... **She was born on** .....

**My father is** ..... **He was born on** .....

**Now list your siblings (brothers and sisters) and their dates of birth**

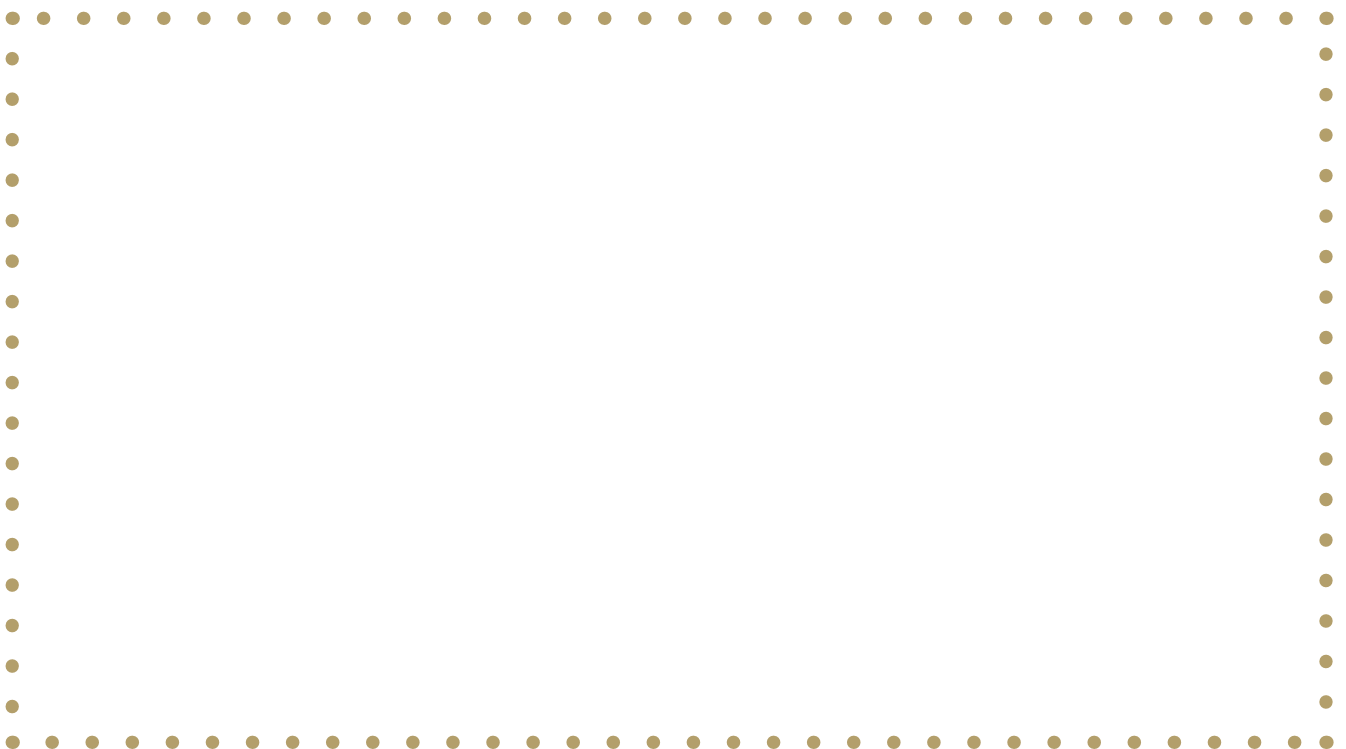
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In the space below draw a self-portrait, or if you have a camera take a selfie and paste it here:



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Write a short description of your physical self. Are you average height for your age or tall or short? What shape is your face? What colour is your hair, is it long or short? What colour are your eyes? Do you wear glasses or hearing aids?



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Do you think you look more like your mum or your dad, or someone else in your family?

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Think about the things you like doing and write them here:

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Who else in your family likes doing the same things as you?

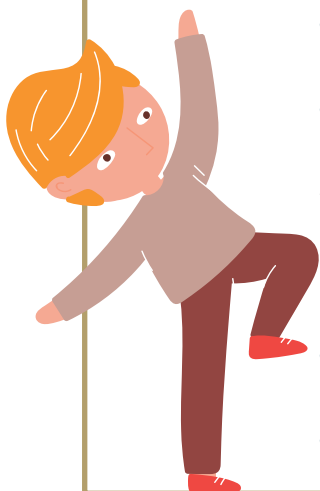
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What types of food do you like to eat? Who else in your family likes the same sort of foods as you?

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Now let's look at how much you know about your extended family!



Who are your mother's parents and how old are they?

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Does your mum have brothers and sisters (your aunts and uncles)?  
If so write their names here:

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Who are your father's parents and how old are they?

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Does your dad have brothers and sisters (your aunts and uncles)?  
If so write their names here:

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The children of your parent's siblings are your cousins.  
Write their names and ages here:

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## Acrostic

An acrostic is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word or message. Choose a word that is related to the family and write your own acrostic. There is an example below using the word family, but you should choose a different word.

**F**iercely loyal to those we love  
**A**ccepting of us all  
**M**other who loves unconditionally  
**I**nspiring  
**L**ove, laughter and loyalty  
**Y**oung and old together

Here are some suggestions for words you could use. Your poem can be happy, sad or funny!

**Mother - Father - Brother - Sister - Parents - Grandma - Grandpa**

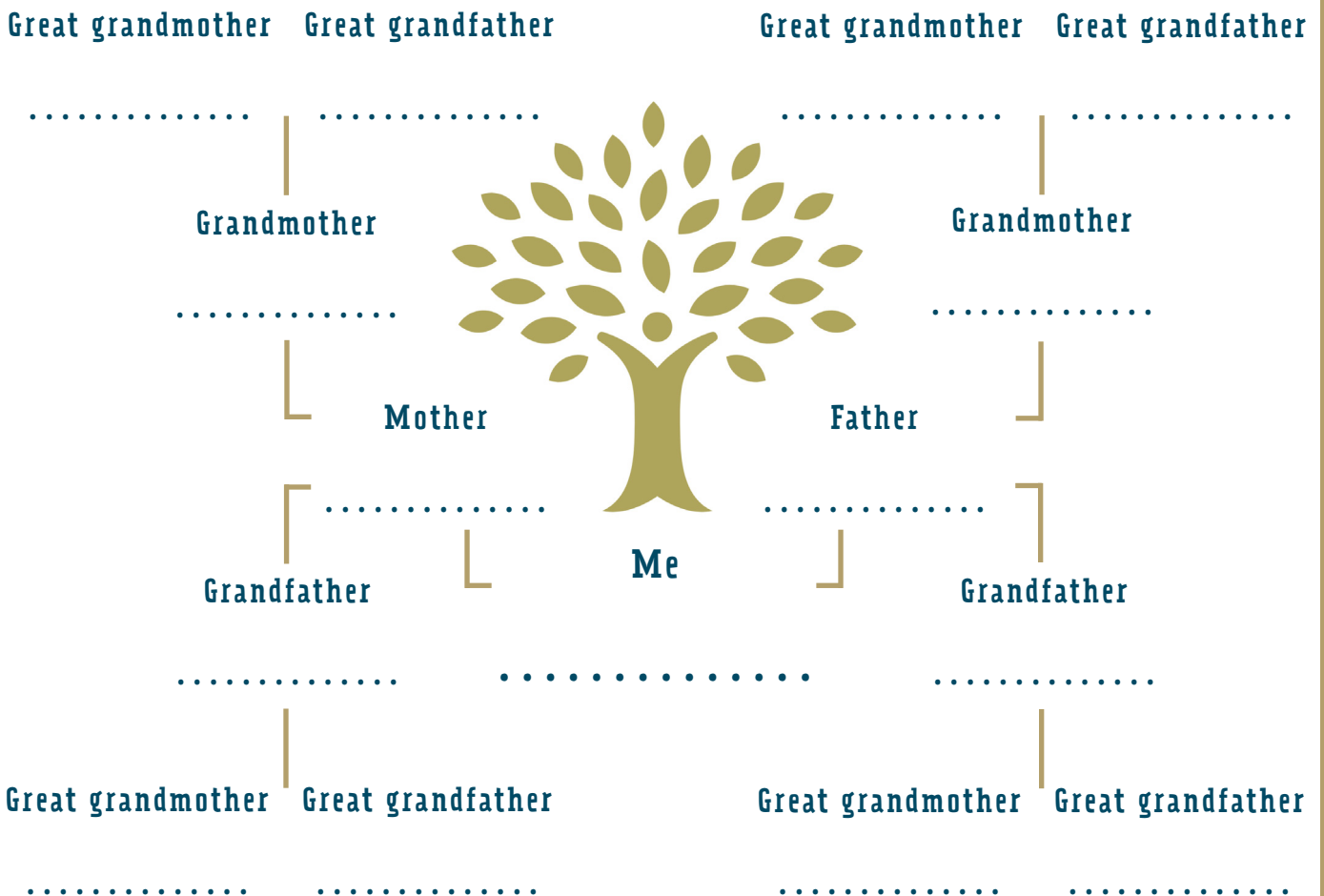
Use the space below to create your acrostic.

A large rectangular area defined by a dotted line, intended for writing an acrostic poem.

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The study of our family history usually includes a family tree. We use a tree to record the lineage because just as a tree grows from the roots, and spreads up and out, so too do families. Here is your chance to create your family tree.



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**Fun!** How many words can you find in the wordsearch below?

## Family

P M E A Z N B R O T H E R W T  
 Y F R D A A B A M D N A R G C  
 S I D S I F A P X L X S O G L  
 R U C O U C H R H C E J S R S  
 R E S G S V D Y B P E V A Y R  
 S T N E R A P D N A R G C Y X  
 S G Y M G Q J M M R T K R S K  
 B J T L Y A B N F E M W E H Q  
 S V O Y I S E C T N O Q H E H  
 K A M S V M E N V T T T T V R  
 T J S M N F A L I S H Q A O E  
 P D P W U M D F F L E Q F L T  
 I A P D N A R G T H R G H L S  
 G F Y G O L A E N E G N I M I  
 S Q O H N I H I J I I K P K S

**BROTHER**  
**FAMILY**  
**FATHER**  
**GENEALOGY**  
**GRANDMA**  
**GRANDPA**  
**GRANDPARENTS**  
**LINEAGE**  
**LOVE**  
**MOTHER**  
**MYSELF**  
**PARENTS**  
**SISTER**  
**TREE**

Do you know what all the words in the list mean? If not, use a dictionary to look them up.

Use the box below to to paste a photo of your family, or draw a picture of them:



