

HOW TO INVOLVE CHILDREN IN FAMILY HISTORY

1. Build skills

a. Basic skills

1. Mouse
2. Cut, copy, paste
3. New tab
4. Logins and passwords
5. Typing
6. Cursive
7. Wikipedia
8. Google Maps
9. READING

ii. Tips for teaching basic skills

1. Teach these during non-family history times
2. Let them drive
3. “Look for five seconds, then I’ll tell you”
4. Point at the key, slowly move finger down

iii. Resources for teaching basic skills

1. Typing club
2. Nitro Type
3. Geoguessr

b. Genealogy Concepts

1. Two meanings of “vital records”
2. Primary and secondary sources
3. Epistemology (“How do we know what we know?”)
4. Courthouse
5. Cemetery
6. County and State Geography
7. Census
8. Military Draft
9. Social Security, and its Index

ii. Tips for teaching genealogy concepts

1. Family history scavenger hunt (link online at hollybraun.com/involvingchildren)
2. When there is a birth, marriage, or death, you can mention that there is a piece of paper that

they wrote on to remember all the details. They put that paper in a building downtown. They have been doing this for hundreds of years and we can go back and look at them to remember.

3. Visiting places and holding objects connects their lived experiences to genealogy. I like to make All About Me books, that have some pages not really all about the child. This is you... at your ancestor's house! This is you... at this historical site!
4. Historical Fiction (link online at hollybraun.com/involvingchildren)
5. Ancestor Scrapbook

2. Build Interest

- a. FamilySearch Activities tab
- b. BYU Family History Technology Lab Games
<https://familytech.byu.edu/>
 1. RelativeFinder.org
 2. Record Quest
<https://recordquest.familytech.byu.edu/login/>
 3. others!
- c. Grandparent Interviews
 1. Help them prepare questions
 2. Set up the tech
 3. Step in when someone is misunderstanding the other
- d. Family History Mystery
 1. Search for this on churchofjesuschrist.org
- e. Ancestor Cards (Tutorial at hollybraun.com/involvingchildren)