

Good questions for kids to ask for family history or oral history

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"How did you and [grandma] [grandpa] meet and fall in love?" Most family members love to tell, and little girls enjoy the stories. Once the conversation gets started, more questions and answers come naturally.

Here's a Family Orchard:

http://www.classbrain.com/artmovies/uploads/family_orchardws.pdf

Oral history questions that a 6 year old can ask that would be meaningful to the child.

1. Tell me about the first teacher you remember.
2. What was your favorite toy or doll as a child?
3. Describe your childhood bedroom.
4. Did you have any childhood pets?
5. Did you get along with your brothers and sisters?
6. Did your mother make your clothing or were they store-bought?

My favorite source for questions is "To Our Children's Children" by Bob Greene and his sister, D. G. Fulford, but there are certainly other ones out there. If you have a copy of the Ungame sitting around, that also has good questions.

If you want a fun handout (and can spend a little money), the NGS has a comic book about genealogy.

"All About My Family" - Resource Guide for Teachers -

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/BookStore/ListItems.cfm?CATID=18> - \$9 non-members

"Hunting For Your Heritage" - comic book -

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/comic.cfm>

<http://disney.go.com/disneyvideos/animatedfilms/tiggermovie/familytree.html>

I have done a few things with Scout troops and amazed that some kids don't know their ethnic background. I would suggest asking them what country/cultural background their parents or grandparents have and what traditions - Christmas or naming etc. that are long standing family traditions. For instance my family (German/Austrian) always opened presents on Christmas Eve rather than Christmas Day and boys in my family have two middle names and all the girls have middle names that start with E.