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Genealogy

Name _____

Do all of the following requirements (1-4)

- _____1. Create your family tree going back at least four generations.
- _____2. Research your last name and find its origin and meaning.
- _____3. **List the most prominent countries in your family's genealogy and highlight those countries on a map.**
- _____4. List five interesting things about the people, traditions, culture or history of each of those countries.

Do five of the following requirements (5-24)

- _____5. As far back as you can reasonably trace, list when and how your ancestors immigrated to the United States or if they were already here, list that location in the United States or its precursor.
- _____6. Show on your map(s) from requirement 3 above what area in each country your ancestors are from and list who in your family came from these countries and areas.
- _____7. Attend a local genealogical society meeting.
- _____8. Arrange for a member of a local genealogical society or other knowledgeable person to come and speak to your Troop.
- _____9. Research foods from one of the two most prevalent countries of origin discovered in requirement 3 above and plan and cook a meal for your family, Patrol or Troop.
- _____10. Research one interesting member of your family tree in-depth and tell your Patrol or Troop about him.
- _____11. Interview someone in your family who is older than your parents about your family and its history. Report highlights or show video of the interview to your Patrol or Troop.
- _____12. Identify a few of your family heirlooms that your family still has.
- _____13. Make a family tree composed of pictures. Note any family resemblances you recognize in yourself or your immediate family members.
- _____14. Visit cemeteries connected to your family and take a picture of the oldest grave you find that is associated with your ancestors.



- _____15. Find at least one relative living in any of the countries your family members immigrated from. Send a post card about yourself and determine their location in the branches of your family tree.
- _____16. Preserve as many old pictures as you can by using a scanner to store them electronically and make a brief slideshow of the most interesting old pictures.
- _____17. Genealogy is all about history. The history of you and who God entrusted you to so you could achieve His plan for your life. Write an autobiography of at least 500 words about your life and the path you are on.
- _____18. Teach the importance of genealogy and remembering your heritage to a group of younger boys.
- _____19. Do a service project that preserves something that is important to history (e.g. clean up a cemetery, build a memorial garden, or help restore a historical building or monument).
- _____20. Create a family genealogy trivia game using your research results and play it with your family.
- _____21. Participate in an extended family event such as a family reunion.
- _____22. Plan and execute a family photo shoot including as many generations as possible.
- _____23. Document the details of armed forces service of at least two relatives including dates of service, branch, unit, location, battles, rank, and service recognitions, honors or awards.
- _____24. List the relative(s) through which you qualify for Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

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Date

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