

Social Studies Term Project

The Family Tree Project

Objective

We have been learning about our ancestors who arrived in Trinidad and Tobago and the Natives of the island. In order to create a greater self-awareness of your personal history, students will now seek to identify their own family history and how their own ancestors contributed to their present circumstances. This project will involve an interview of living family members and a creation of a family tree.

Tasks:

1. **The Family Tree.** Students must present a neat drawing of a family tree on a poster board (a minimum of 20 inches x 16 inches). Students are expected to draw a tree trunk and write their name on the base. From this, the trunk will show *at least three generations* of family members, no less. If a student does not know the names of their grandparents, the student must interview an older relative to gather the information. Students may include small image of themselves in the family tree. Marks will be given for creativity and presentation.
2. **The Individual Interview.** The student must interview a living elderly relative (a grandparent or elderly uncle or aunt). The questions will be as follows:
 - Tell me about your family growing up. Who were they? Where did they live? What did they do for work?
 - What was life like during [the time period]?
 - What were some of your favourite things to do back then?

- (For aunt or uncle) Tell me about my grandmother/grandfather's personality. What kind of person was he/she?
- What is your favourite memory?
- Is there anything else that you would like to share with me that I didn't ask you about?
- Do you have any advice for me as I grow up?
- Anything else that I should know or remember from your experiences growing up in the time period]?

Write answers for each question neatly and clearly on folder pages.

3. **A Reflection.** Write a reflection of what you learnt doing this project. Your reflection should be a minimum of two paragraphs, neatly written and free of errors. Edit your writing or you will lose marks.

Submit your completed project no later than the 3rd of March. This project carries 25% of your final grade. So make sure you complete it on time and hand it in for marking before the 3rd of March.