

22 Steps in Researching Your Family Tree

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Student Notes:

- Start with yourself: document your own information and gather personal documents.
Use a family tree software program or online platform to organize your information.
- Gather what information you already have or know: talk to family members and gather family documents, including letters, diaries, and photographs. Utilize online databases and genealogy websites to access public records.
- Start the search with one family at a time by talking to family members and relatives.
This will help focus your research and uncover valuable clues and insights into your family's history.

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Quiz:

1. What is the first step in researching your family tree?
 - A. Gather what information you already have or know
 - B. Start the search with one family at a time
 - C. Start with yourself
2. What are some important details to document when starting with yourself?
 - A. Birth date
 - B. Death date
 - C. Marriage date
3. What is a helpful tool to use when organizing your information?
 - A. A shoebox
 - B. A family tree software program or online platform
 - C. A calendar
4. What are some sources you can use to gather information about your family history?
 - A. Family documents
 - B. Online databases and genealogy websites
 - C. Both A and B
5. Why is it important to document your sources?
 - A. To make it easier to verify information later
 - B. To ensure the accuracy of your family tree
 - C. Both A and B

6. What is the benefit of starting the search with one family at a time?
 - A. It helps focus your research
 - B. It ensures you find all the information about your family
 - C. It saves time
7. What is a citation management tool?
 - A. A tool to document your sources
 - B. A tool to organize your family tree
 - C. A tool to search online databases
8. Which of the following is not an example of a family document?
 - A. Letters
 - B. Diaries
 - C. Newspaper articles
9. What is the purpose of using an online platform to create your family tree?
 - A. To make it easier to share with family members
 - B. To organize your information
 - C. Both A and B
10. What is the benefit of talking to family members when gathering information about your family history?
 - A. They can provide valuable clues and insights
 - B. They can access online databases and genealogy websites
 - C. They can create your family tree for you

Answers will be given in the next blog...