

MY FAMILY TREE (LEVEL 1)

Description	Help the learner discover their family's history and learn about the different ways to look for information!	
Leading Question	What can be learned from our own family tree?	
Total Time Required	30-50 mins a day for 4 days (total of approximately 2.5 to 3 hours)	
Supplies Required	Chart or regular paper, notebook, color pens, relevant family photos, articles, etc., phone for "interviews"	
Learning Outcomes	 Primary and secondary sources in social science research The process of conducting historical research Family tree research project 	
Previous Learning	Not Applicable	

DAY 1

Today you will learn about how to create a family tree and come up with some questions to help guide your family tree.

Suggested Duration	Activity and Description
5 minutes	 Explain to the learner that this project is for him or her to get to know their family a little better Explain that they will also learn how to search for information in different ways.
10 minutes	 Use a relevant public figure biography to introduce the concept of family tree. For example: read excerpts from AI Seera AI Nabawiyya and chart out Prophet Muhammed's family tree!
5 - 10 minutes	 Brainstorm with the learner or ask them to come up with 5-10 questions/things they want to know about their family members.

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	 For example: What career is most common in your family? Did you family migrate at any point?
10 - 20 minutes	 Instruct the learner to write down the selected questions by writing the key word and illustrating the rest in a list. Assist the learner in writing the questions. <i>TIP: Try to make sure that the questions cover a range of subjects such as math, science, geography, etc.</i>
10 minutes	Help the learner to draw the family tree on a large piece of paper! Numerous templates are available online. Get creative!

DAY 2

Today you will look for answers to the questions you created about your family members.

Suggested Duration	Activity and Description
10 minutes	 Inform the learner that he or she will have to find out answers to the questions you came up with together for each family member Provide clues about where they can find information. Sources can include family photos, family social groups, newspaper/other articles, etc.
5 minutes	 Inform the learner that he or she can also conduct interviews with family members by calling or sending voice messages to ask them about someone in the family tree!
20 minutes	 Help the learner begin researching using different methods (including phone calls, photo albums, conversations, etc.)
5-10 minutes	 Discuss the learner's new discoveries and ask if anything has surprised them.

DAY 3

Today you will continue learning about your family!

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20 - 30 minutes	 Ask the learner continue interviewing and researching different family members, making sure he or she has enough information per family member
20-30 minutes	 Record the information: the learner can illustrate or record the research as it is being collected. Write down the questions and answers in a notebook or piece of paper with the learner.

DAY 4

Today you will use your art skills to create your family tree and present your family tree to your family!

Suggested Duration	Activity and Description
20-30 minutes	 Ask the learner to fill in the family tree template created on the first day. Make sure the family tree is complete with: The names of all the family members The years they were alive The country they lived in Other details you decided on
20 minutes	 Attach a photo if available! The learner can also draw their family members if photos are not available.
10 minutes	 Ask the learner to present their findings to you as a family – both the family tree as well as the answers to the questions.
20-30 minutes	 Discuss with the learner what he or she discovered and enjoyed the most and least about this process, challenges they faced, etc. Note: you may frame the family tree if desired to celebrate the learner's work!

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Complete family tree with each member's basic information: name, years alive, countries where they have lived, etc.
- Use of different methods of information.
- Complete academic and non-academic related extension tasks depending on learning goals.

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ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Replicating the family tree project in the learner's native language if it is not in English.

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