

Home Learning Primary History Ideas

These are some simple ideas that could be sent out to children or parents to help them with history learning at home.

Local History

1. Create a family timeline as far as you can go. How many generations? How many people do you know now? Has anything about your family surprised you?
2. Research the history of your street/village/town – what is your area famous for? Are there any significant individuals in your area?
3. Compare and contrast how your local area has changed over time – has it always had the same populations? Have the buildings changed?
4. Where is your nearest war memorial? Is it small or large? What does that tell you about your area? Do you know of anyone that was involved in any of the wars?
5. How is history being made right now? How has your local area been affected by the Coronavirus?

Significant Individuals

1. Create a fake social media page for someone in history. What kinds of pictures would they have on? What kinds of statuses would they include? Who would their friends be?
2. Research significant individuals in your area. What made them significant? Did they impact more than just your area?
3. Compare two significant individuals – what are their similarities or differences? Who do you think was more significant?
4. Create a quiz about a significant individual. Make different rounds like a Picture Round or Famous Quotes Round.
5. Create a digital book about a significant individual using Book Creator on iOS or a normal book using paper!

Significant Events

1. Research any significant events in your local area – what made them significant? Are they still remembered today? Are there any signs of it where you are? Did it affect more than just your area?
2. Choose an event from history and create a news report about that event. Film yourself sat behind a desk, write a digital report or write a newspaper report about it.
3. Pick 3 significant events and try to link them together – are there pieces that could link them together? Perhaps it's location? People involved? When they happened?
4. Choose an event and write a diary entry as someone who was there. How would they feel? What would they see and hear? Who else would be there with them? What is the tone of the diary entry?
5. Write an alternate version of an event from history. What would have happened if the Titanic had never sank? What would have happened if Russian landed on the moon first? What would have happened if the Romans hadn't invaded Britain?

Generic ideas

1. Create a PowerPoint about something you love in history.
2. Create an eBook using Book Creator on iOS about something you love in history.
3. Create a green screen video using the DoInk Green Screen app and a blank wall – just don't wear the same colour clothes as the wall you're filming against!
4. Create quizzes about events, people or periods of history that you are interested in.
5. Create a timeline of all of your favourite periods of history.
6. Make up your own history-based games or download them:
<https://mrcarterrocks.wixsite.com/historyrocks/history-games>
7. Create songs about history using apps like Garageband.
8. Start a project about your favourite person or period of history with different sections.

9. Make your own historical treasure trail with QR codes for your family to follow: <http://goqr.me/> Copy and paste website URLs, save the image and print it out. Then use the Camera app on iOS or Android to scan the code and load up the website, picture or video.
10. Make a mini-museum at home with different pieces of information, videos, pictures and models that you've made and show them to your family.
11. Watch Horrible Histories clips and research what has been said for accuracy.
12. Make a time-capsule with a few of today's items and a newspaper. Store it somewhere safe or bury it in the garden so that either you or someone in the future can see what was happening today.
13. Create a fact book about different periods of history. Try to include really silly facts or gross ones!
14. Write a story about someone or something from history. Use real people or events but change some of the things that happened to them. This is called historical fiction!
15. Make a video showing off everything that you've done and learnt about history at home to share with your family, your friends and your teacher when you go back to school!