

## Family History Month – Scavenger Hunt Ideas



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A Family Search Scavenger Hunt with photographs can be a creative and engaging way to explore your family history. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. **Ancestral Home Tour:** Collect old photographs of ancestral homes or locations significant to your family's history. Create a scavenger hunt where participants must identify and visit these places, matching them with the provided photographs. This can be a great way to connect with your family's geographic roots.
2. **Generational Photo Timeline:** Gather family photos spanning several generations and create a timeline. Participants must arrange the photos in the correct chronological order, learning about their ancestors' lives as they go along.
3. **Photo Identification:** Collect a mix of old family photographs and challenge participants to identify the people, places, and events featured in the photos. This can lead to discussions about family history and the stories behind the pictures.
4. **Hidden Clues:** Combine the scavenger hunt with a mystery-solving aspect. Provide clues or riddles related to family history, and participants must find the corresponding photographs to decipher the message or solve the puzzle.
5. **Heirloom Hunt:** Include pictures of family heirlooms, such as jewelry, furniture, or keepsakes. Participants must locate these items in their homes or family collections and share the stories and significance behind each heirloom.

6. **Family Portraits:** Share old family portraits and challenge participants to recreate them with current family members. This not only encourages creativity but also fosters a deeper connection to the past.
7. **Travel Through Time:** Create a scavenger hunt where participants must virtually "travel" through time by matching old photographs with their present-day locations using online maps or Google Earth.
8. **Document Discovery:** Hide photocopies of important family documents, such as birth certificates, marriage records, or letters, throughout your home. Participants must locate and examine these documents to learn more about their family's history.
9. **Storytelling Challenge:** Pair old photographs with written or oral family stories. Participants must find the photos and then share or retell the associated stories, helping to preserve oral traditions.
10. **Photo Albums Exploration:** Provide access to old photo albums and create a scavenger hunt where participants must find specific photographs or pieces of information within the albums. This encourages them to explore the albums and engage with the memories they contain.
11. Remember to make the scavenger hunt fun and interactive and consider providing prizes or rewards for participants who complete it successfully. It's a fantastic way to involve family members of all ages in the exploration of your family history and to create meaningful connections to the past.