

- Where do you come from?
- What nationality are your family members?
- Are there any famous people in your family?

Learning about your family and where they come from can be a lot of fun. It also helps us learn more about ourselves. Making a family tree is one way to start collecting the information you need to study your family's history and relationships, or genealogy. A family tree is a drawing that shows all the people in your family and how they are related to each other.

Here's an idea for a family tree project that really is a tree!

"NATURAL" FAMILY TREE CRAFT PROJECT

You will need:

- green construction paper
- crayons or markers
- scissors
- some yarn or string
- a hole punch
- styrofoam or paper cup
- small lump of clay
- glue stick



- 1) Find a twig that has a lot of little branches.
- 2) Put the lump of clay into the bottom of the cup.
- 3) Push the twig into the clay firmly so it will stand up.
- 4) Use the construction paper to cut out "leaves." They should be big enough to write someone's name on them. Cut out 1 leaf for each member of your family.
- 5) Write each person's name on a leaf.
- 6) Use the hole punch to make a small hole in each leaf.
- 7) Use the yarn or string to tie each leaf to the tree. Start with your name on top and work your way down so that the older people in your family, like your grandparents, have their leaves on the bottom of the tree.
- 8) Don't forget to add new family members to the tree as your family grows!

Want more information about genealogy? Check out this great website for kids and teens:
www.genealogytoday.com/junior/index.html