

Topic:
Families Past and Present

THE BIG QUESTION:

How has family life changed or remained the same over time?

My Inquiry Journal

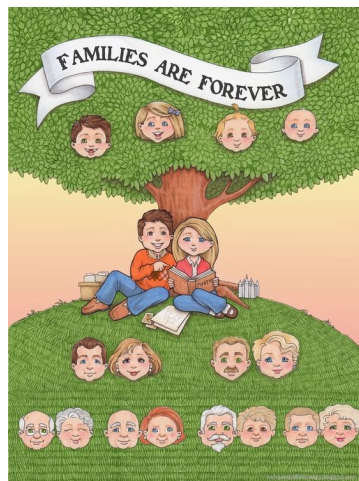
My name: _____

Class: _____ **School:** _____



What are you going to do? You're going to:

- Have fun finding out about the past, the present and the future.
- Think about your own family, and draw it.
- Watch some fun videos about holidays and toys and other things from the past.
- Interview Mum and Dad to find out what their families were like when they were little.
- Interview Grandpa and Grandma, and LeeLee and Martypants to find out what their families were like when they were little.
- Ask them all to send you some old photos – so you can compare them with your own family photos. (and put them in your treasure box!)
- Draw a GIANT family tree that includes your own family, your mum's family and your dad's family, and your grandparents' families!
- Make a treasure box that contains photos and drawings from the past and the present, including your giant family tree.
- Take it to school when it reopens and show your teacher and your classmates! Also show them this inquiry journal, because you will be very proud of it.





Get right into it!

Have fun finding out about Past, Present, Future and what that means. Watch this, Isabel!



What does the present mean?

What does the past mean?

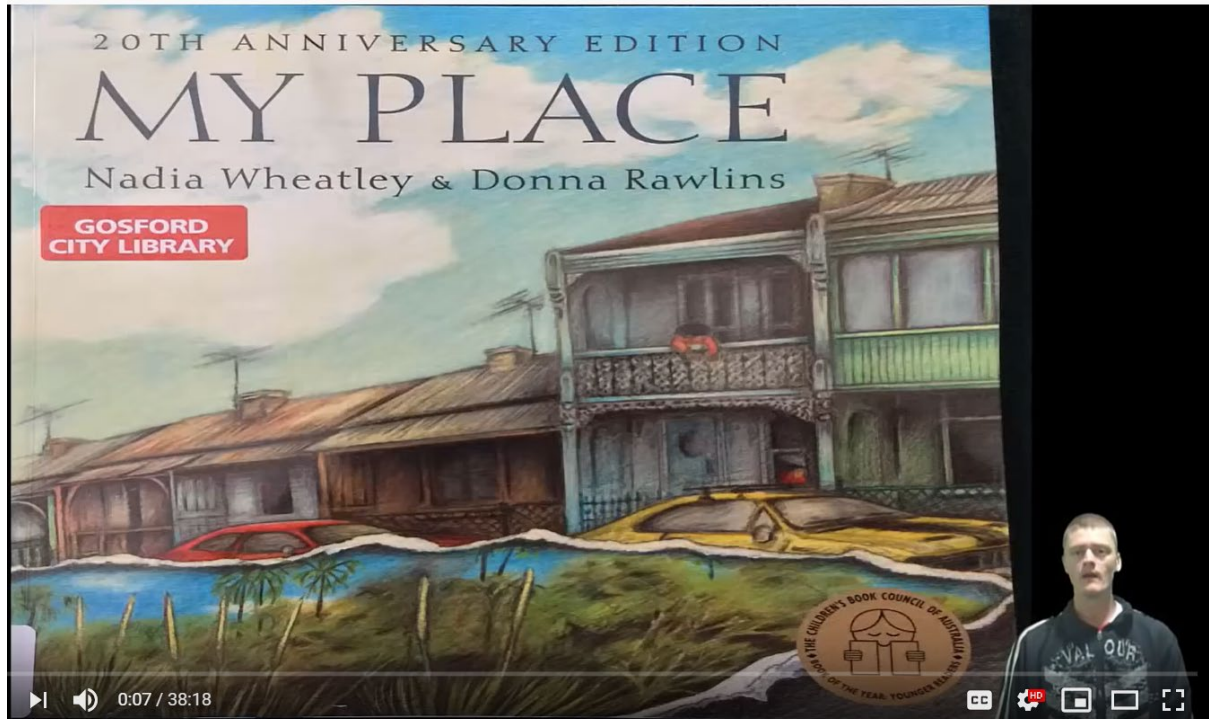
What does the future mean?

Think about your own family, and draw everyone in it:



Go find out about it!

Watch My place:



Some houses have a very long history! (It's ok if you don't watch it all!)

What can you find out about yours? Ask Mum who lived here before you did? What is your address?



Explore deeper about holidays and toys in the past and present!

Holidays:

Have fun exploring these websites with your mum.



Click on the picture above!

Look carefully at the photos in the Allen family's album.

Describe what the children did each day – (write it down here):

Describe what they do during their holiday that is similar or different to yours. Use words such as 'a long time ago', 'then and now', 'now and then', 'old and new'.

Toys:

Click on the picture below and read the story

My Grandmother's Toy Box

A story about toys

Written by Joanne Clyne and Liz Suda, illustrated by Cat MacInnes.



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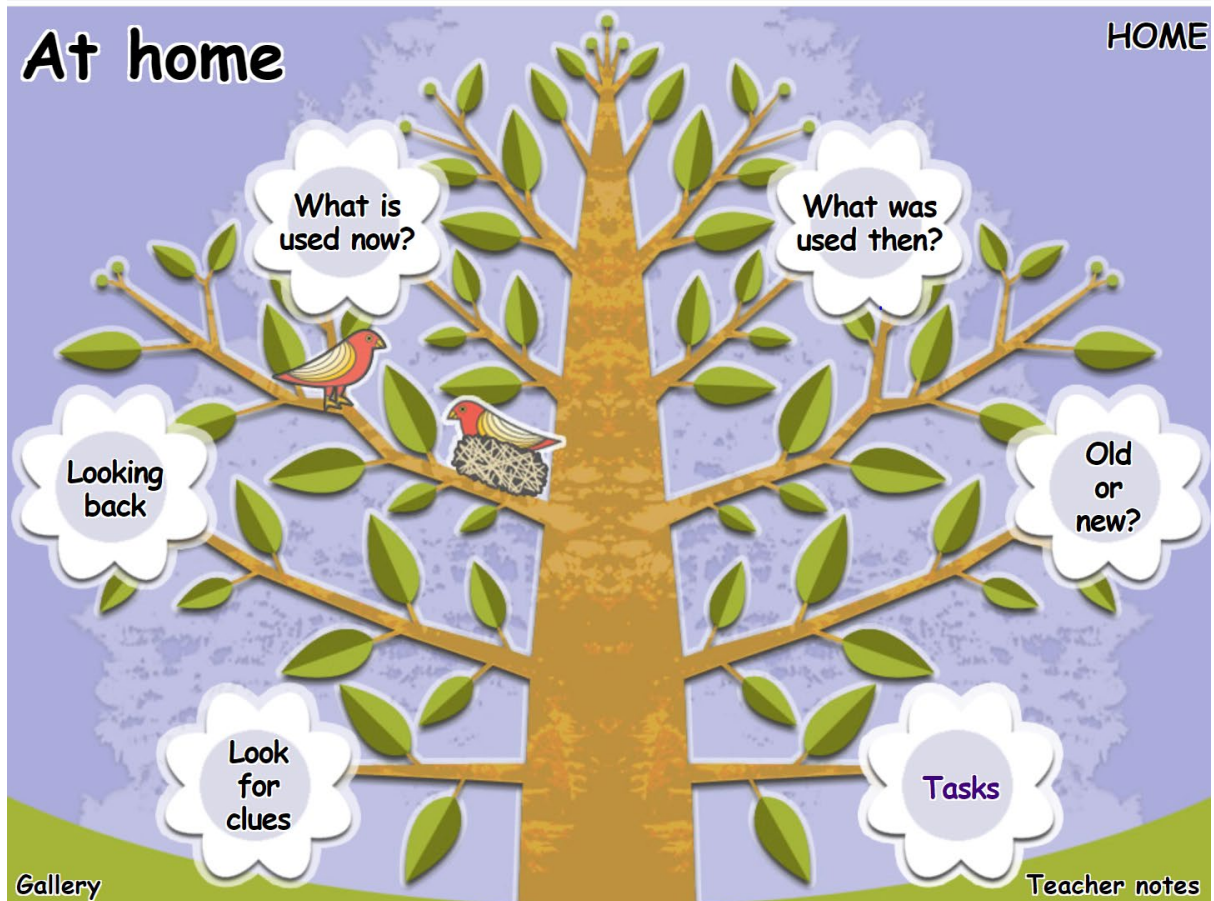
What's your favourite toy from the toybox?

What toys would you put into a toybox for your own children and grandchildren to see in the future?



Check your knowledge!

Click on the image below, and try the questions.



Write down what you learnt from doing this activity:



Gather ideas for your interviews, and then do them!

Watch this video:

Looking back

Watch the interview to find out about life in the past.



[Video description/transcript](#)

[Audio description](#)

Here are some questions for your interviews with your parents and grandparents:

- What can you remember about where you lived when you were 6 or 7?
- What did you do to help at home?
- What toys did you have?
- Where did you go for holidays?
- What is a favourite memory you have of your home?
- How have things changed since you were young?

Do you have any other questions to ask them?

You can use the program Mum has been using to talk to Jess and Lachie – it's called Whereby.

When you have done your interviews, listen to them, and write down some fun facts about their lives:

Mum:

Dad:

Your grandparents:

Your grandparents:

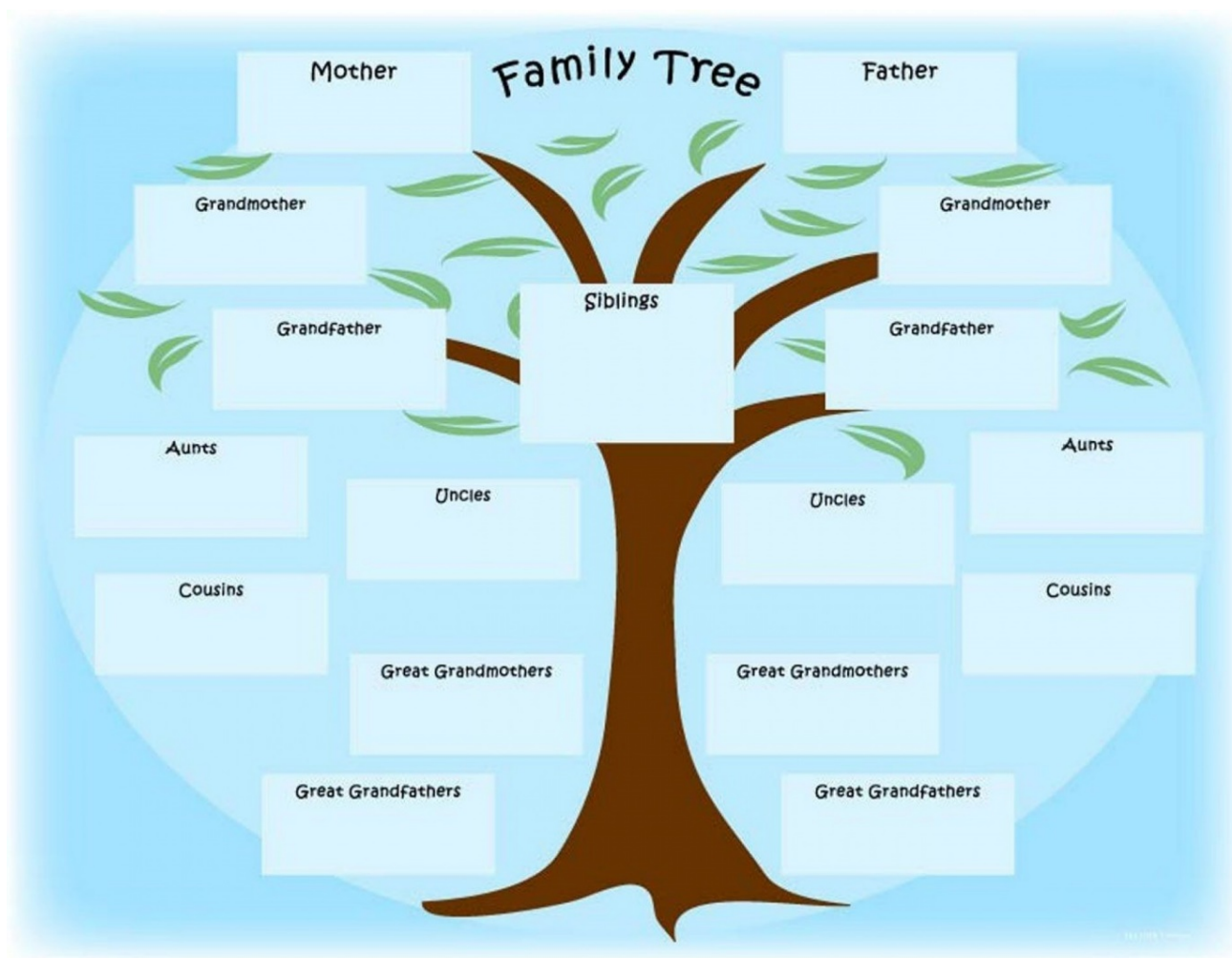


Create and share your treasure box!

What's going to be in it?

- Your giant family tree.
- Some favourite toys for your children and grandchildren
- Some photos of you and your brothers and sisters, and your pets.
- Some photos of Mum and Dad when they were little
- Some photos of your grandparents when they were little. (psst: Remember to ask your grandparents for some photos.)
- Make sure you label them all, so you can show them when you go back to school
- What else do you want to ask?

This is a pattern for your family tree – follow it if you like it – or make up your own.
You might want to make a really huge one!





Think about what you've learned!

Your big question: *How has family life changed or remained the same over time?*

What was different about family life in the past?

What is different about family life in the present?

What's the same about family life, past and present?

You can draw a Venn diagram of this, if you like!



Some picture books you might have that are about the past and the present:

Go check if you have any of these books on your shelf:

- When Frank was Four by Alison Lester
- You'll Soon Grow into Them by Pat Hutchins
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mex Fox
- Mirror, and Window, and Belonging – all by Jeannie Baker.

Have a read and write your thoughts here about how the books made you think about past and present: