

Activity Idea

MAKE YOUR OWN FAMILY TREE

Introduction to Genealogy and Family History

Recommended for Ages 7 – 12

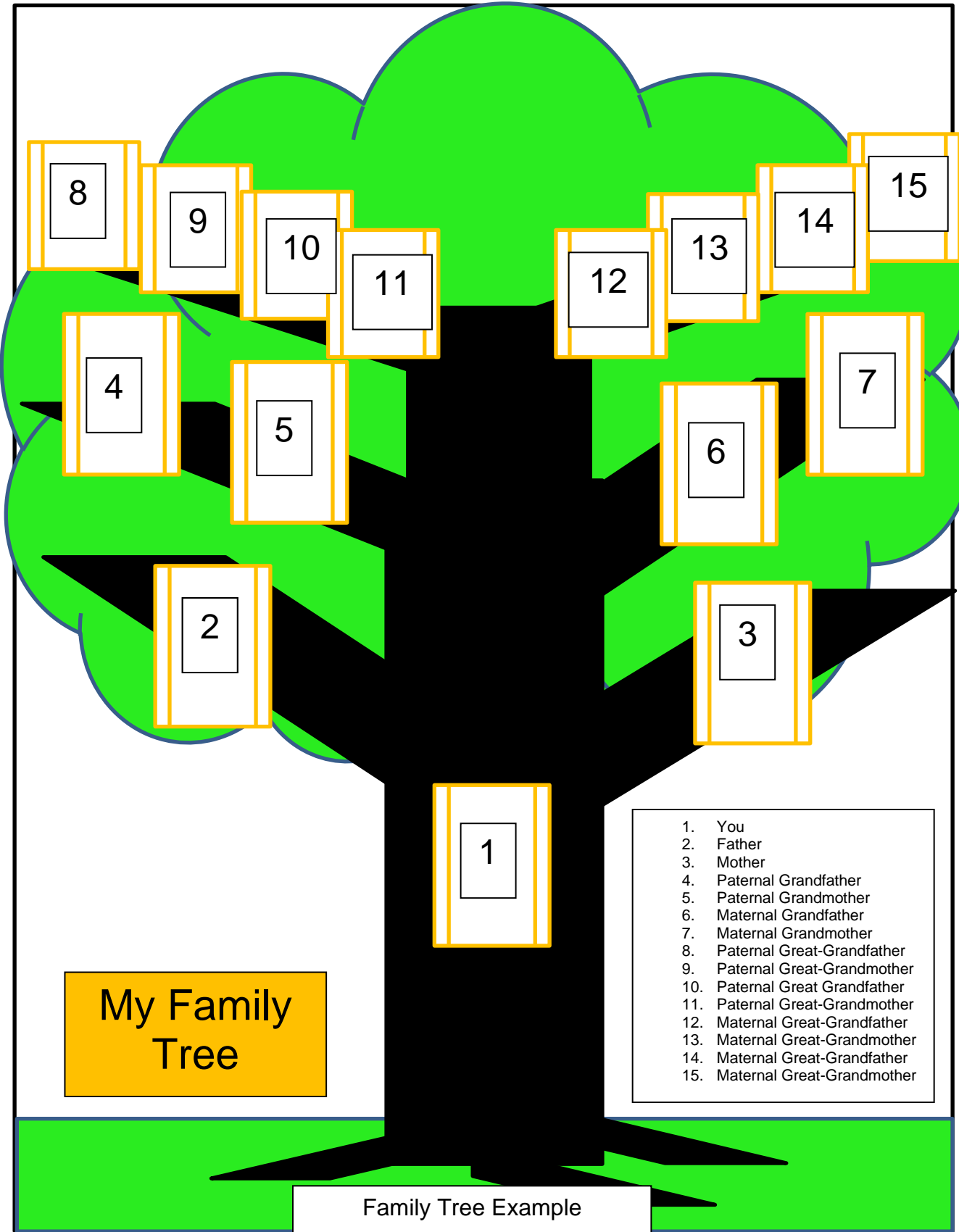
Items Needed:

Construction paper, school glue or tape, family photos, markers or crayons

Instructions:

Genealogy is the study of your family's history and a record of your ancestors. Making a Family Tree is a great way to learn more about your family and have a wonderful record for you to keep and proudly display. Let's get started!

1. Using construction paper, draw a big tree with lots of branches. Each branch will represent a new line of your family.
2. Find pictures for the family members we are going to put on this tree. You will need a picture of you, your parents, your grandparents, and your great-grandparents.
3. Place a picture of you at the center trunk of the tree (see sample Family Tree on the next page). Directly above your picture should be a picture of your parents. The next set of people above your parents would be your paternal (father's side) and maternal (mother's side) parents or your grandparents. Following your grandparents would be your great-grandparents. Once you have the pictures in place you can add their names and birthdates under their pictures.
4. Be sure to ask your parents to tell you stories about each of the people in the tree. This is a great way to learn more about your family and your culture. Ask about where they lived, what they did for a living, how many were in their family, any stories they remember about them, etc. Learn as much as you can about these important people in your family tree!
5. Once you are done with your tree, be sure to show other family members so they can learn about their family too. Keep your tree in a safe place so you can have it as a keepsake of your family history!



My Family Tree

- 1. You
- 2. Father
- 3. Mother
- 4. Paternal Grandfather
- 5. Paternal Grandmother
- 6. Maternal Grandfather
- 7. Maternal Grandmother
- 8. Paternal Great-Grandfather
- 9. Paternal Great-Grandmother
- 10. Paternal Great Grandfather
- 11. Paternal Great-Grandmother
- 12. Maternal Great-Grandfather
- 13. Maternal Great-Grandmother
- 14. Maternal Great-Grandfather
- 15. Maternal Great-Grandmother

Family Tree Example