



Sully Historic Site

Boy Scouts

Prework-American Heritage

Name: _____

Troop: _____

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Requirement 2D: Interview

Please interview 2 people and answer the following questions.

1. **Name:** _____

What does America mean to you?

What makes this country special?

What American traditions are important to preserve and why?

2. **Name:** _____

What does America mean to you?

What makes this country special?

What American traditions are important to preserve and why?

Requirement 3c: Family History

Family trees are important for you to use to trace your own history. Let's look at how our country's history may have shaped your family's history. List your siblings, parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.

How long has your family lived in America?

What countries do your ancestors come from?

Who was the first family member to come to America?

What year did they come?

What city did they live in?

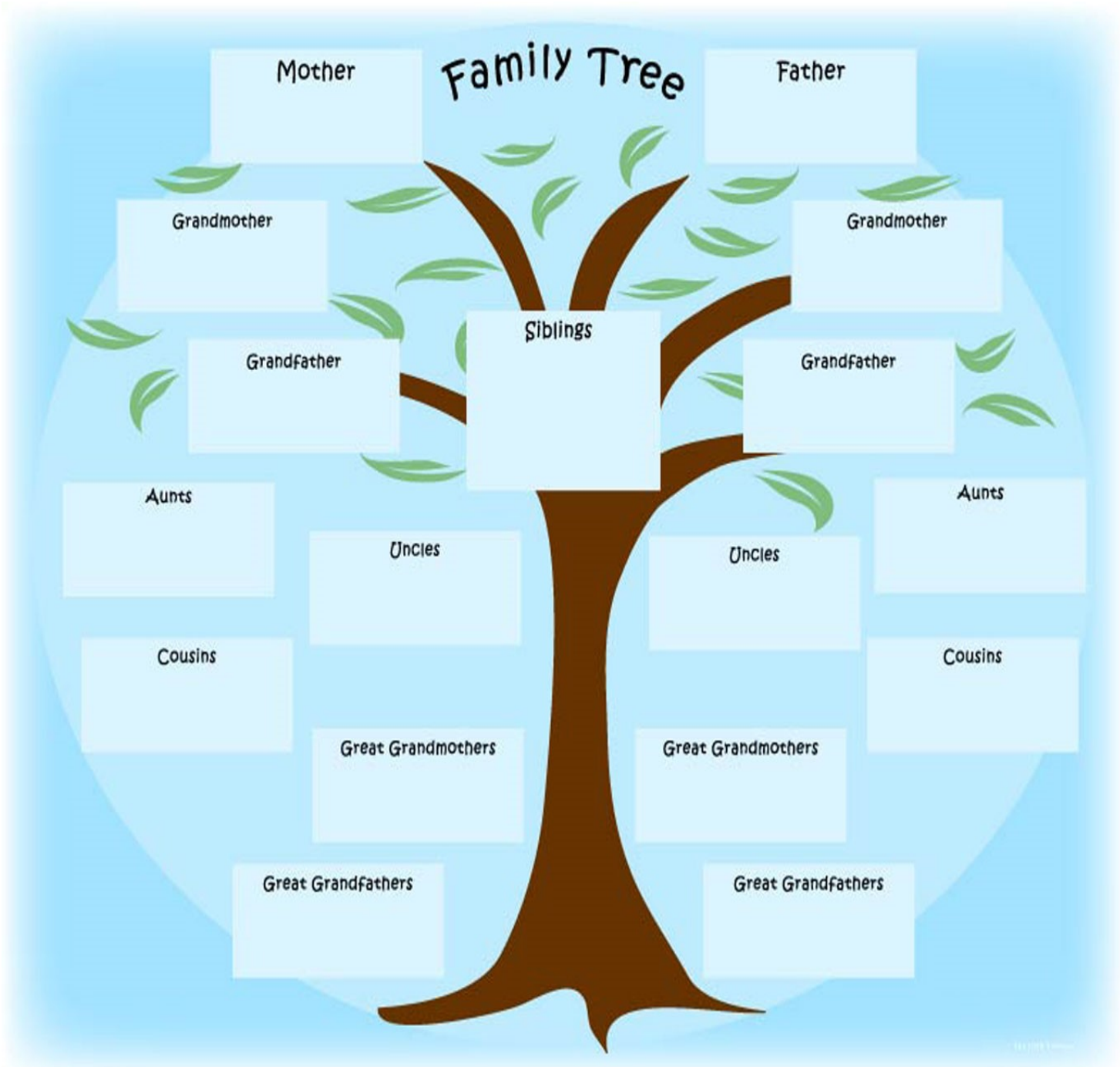
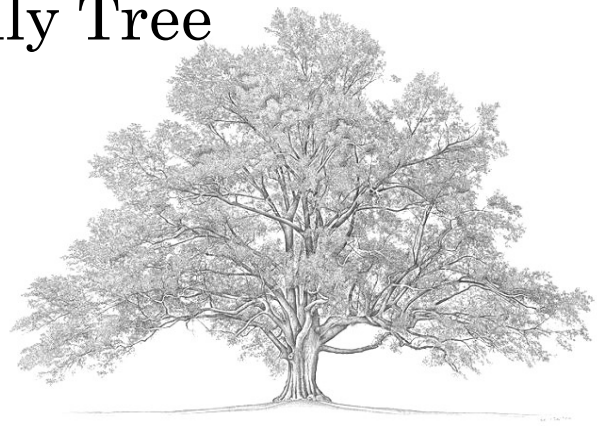
Why did they come to America?

Did any of your family fight in a war?

Requirement 3c: Family Tree

List your family

Your list should contain siblings, parents, grandparents and great-grandparents...



Requirement 5A. Movies

Watch two motion pictures set in some period of American history.

- a. Describe to your counselor how accurate each film is with regard to the historical events depicted and also with regard to the way the characters are portrayed.

Film 1: Movie _____

Time period _____

Accuracy of historical events (explain)

Accuracy of historical characters (explain)

Film 2: Movie _____

Time period _____

Accuracy of historical events (explain)

Accuracy of historical characters (explain)

Requirement 5B. Read a biography (with your counselor's approval) of someone who has made a contribution to America's heritage.

Where and when was the main character born?

Was this person educated? If so, what type of schooling?

Did this person learn a trade or skill to make money? If yes, how?

Could this person move freely through America? If no, why?

Did this person influence other people's lives? If so, how?

What was an important issue for this person?

What do you admired or dislike about this person?

Is this person a positive contributor to American heritage?

Requirement 6: Jobs in American Heritage

Choose one of the following jobs that interest you and research the job qualifications, educational requirements, schools, and career options.

1. Historian
2. Anthropologist
3. Archaeologist
4. Museum Curator

Choose one job from the above list and provide a job description. Look in the dictionary.

Discuss what education and training are required for this career. Look at a college website.

List some schools that you might attend to receive your education.

Where would you find employment for this job (i.e. institution, business, organization, government...- give examples.

List Resources used: _____

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