

Antonio's Suitcase

The Journey That Built Our Family

FAMILY HISTORY ACTIVITY BOOK

Discover Your Story • Celebrate Your Heritage • Keep Family Memories Alive

Recommended
Age
6-8 years



This book belongs to:



WELCOME

Hello!

Every family has a story.

It is a story about where we come from,
the people who came before us,
the places they lived,
the memories they made,
and the love that
brings us all together.

In Antonio's Suitcase,
Antonio travelled from Italy
to Australia to build a
better life for his family.

Now it's your turn!

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This activity book will help you
discover your family's story,
celebrate your heritage and
keep your family memories alive.

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Ask someone at home
to help you as you complete
these pages.
Have fun discovering
your amazing story!



Some families came by ship.
Some came by plane.
Some walked a long way.
Some have lived on this land
for thousands of years.
Every family's journey is special.

Every family has a story.
What's your family's story?

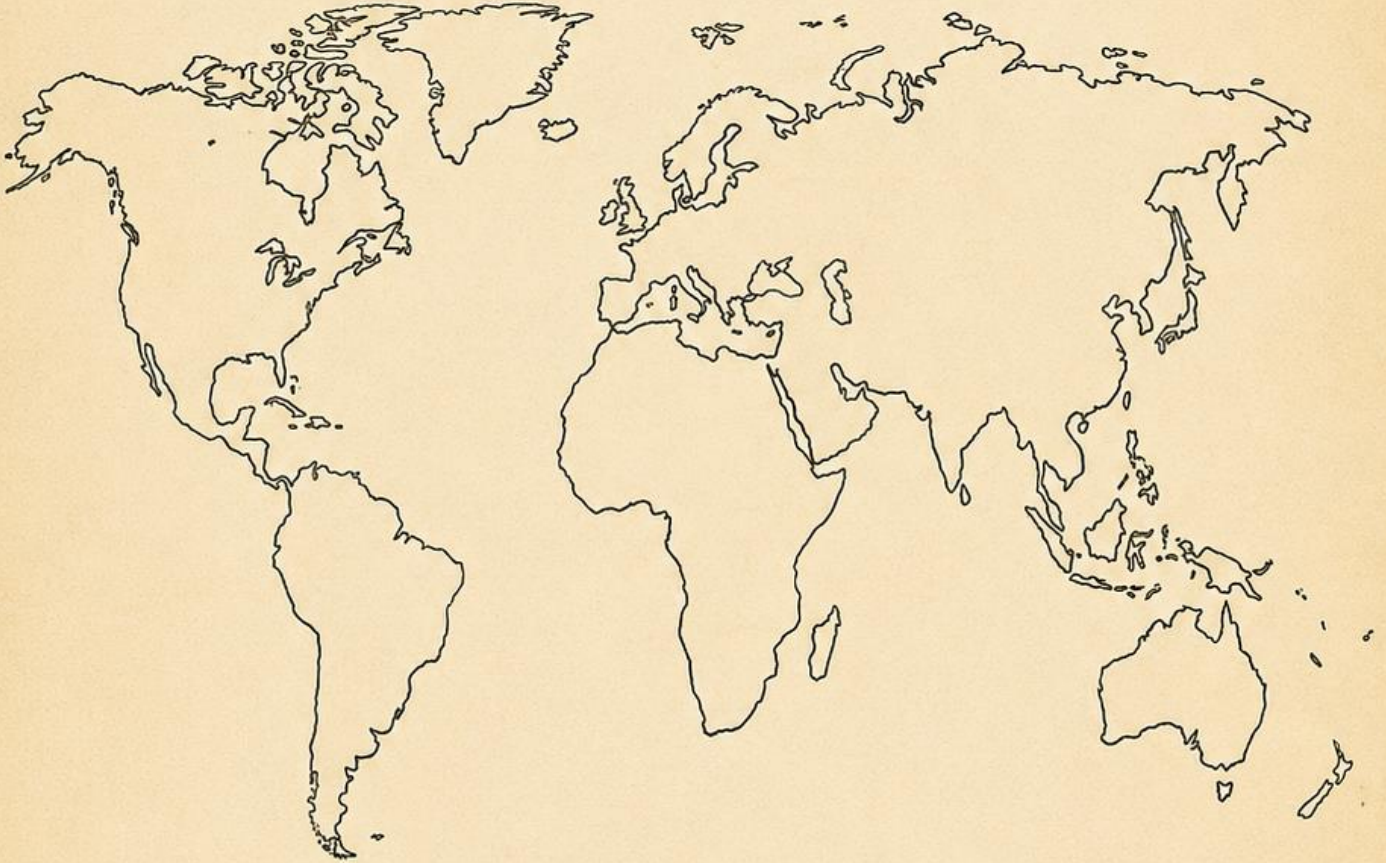


MY FAMILY STORY



Where does my family come from?

Colour the country where your family began.



Country: _____

Town or City (if you know): _____



Ask Someone at Home



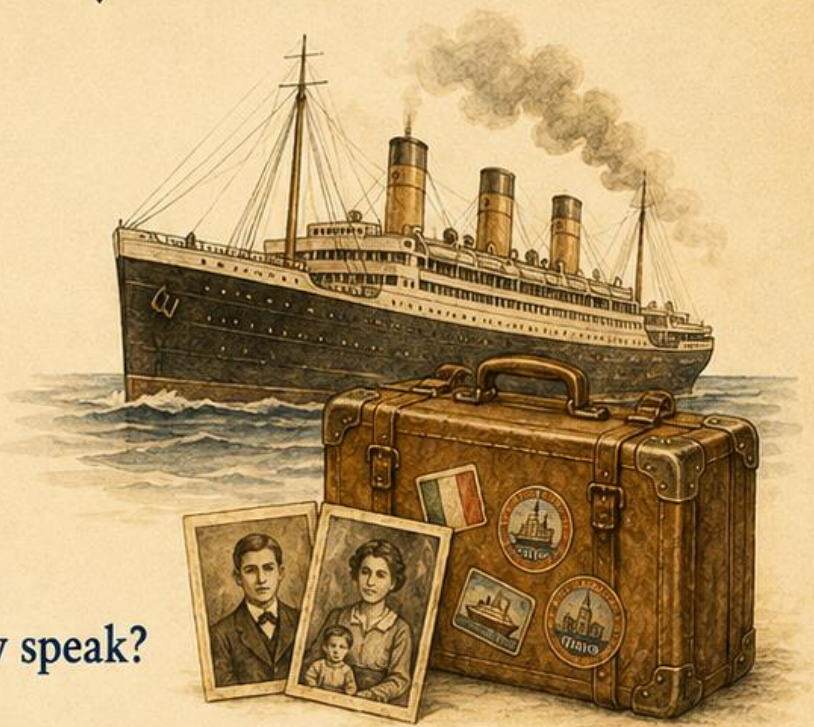
1. Who came to Australia first?



MY FAMILY STORY

2. Why did they come?

- ☐ Work
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Adventure
- ☐ I don't know yet



3. What language did they speak?

4. What food reminds you of your family?

If you had one suitcase...

If you had to travel to a new country
with only one suitcase...

Draw or write five things you would take.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



MY FAMILY STORY



My Family Makes Me Feel...

Circle all the words that describe your family.



Loved



Happy



Strong



Safe



Funny



Proud



Home



My Favourite Thing I Learned

Today I discovered...

Remember

Every family has a story

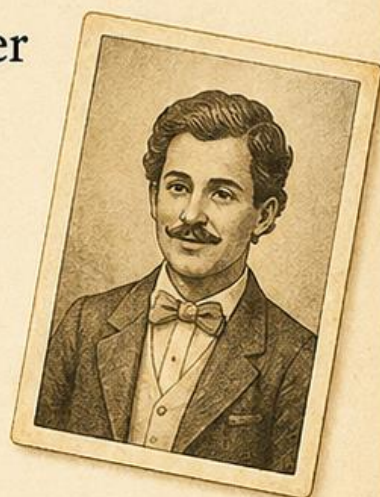
What's your family's story?



INTERVIEW GRANDMA OR GRANDPA

Ask a grandparent or an older family member these questions and write their answers.

1. Where were you born?



2. What games did you play when you were my age?

3. What was school like?



4. What food did you love?

5. What made you happy?



OUR FAMILY TIMELINE



Draw or write important events in
in your family's journey.

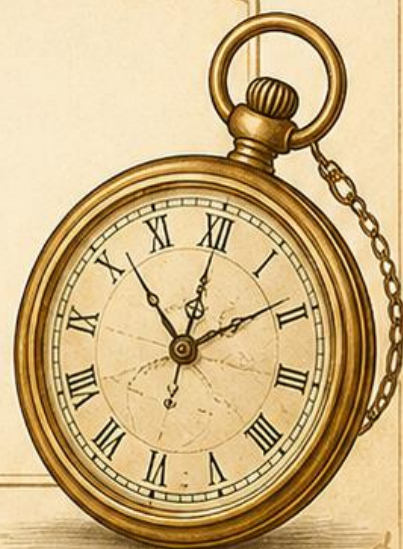
Long ago...



Then...



Now...

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin gold border and slightly rounded corners, intended for drawing or writing a family event from the 'Long ago...' period.A large, empty rectangular box with a thin gold border and slightly rounded corners, intended for drawing or writing a family event from the 'Then...' period.A large, empty rectangular box with a thin gold border and slightly rounded corners, intended for drawing or writing a family event from the 'Now...' period.

FAMILY TRADITIONS



Draw or write about special traditions
in your family.

We celebrate _____

We always _____

We love to _____



DRAW YOUR DREAM JOURNEY



Where would you like to go?
Draw your dream journey.



FOODS WE LOVE



Draw your favourite family foods.

My favourite:



My favourite:



16. WORDS FROM HOME



Write five words in another language
that someone in your family speaks.

1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



FAMILY RECIPE



Ask someone in your family for a favourite recipe.

Recipe Name: _____

Ingredients:

- _____
- _____
- _____

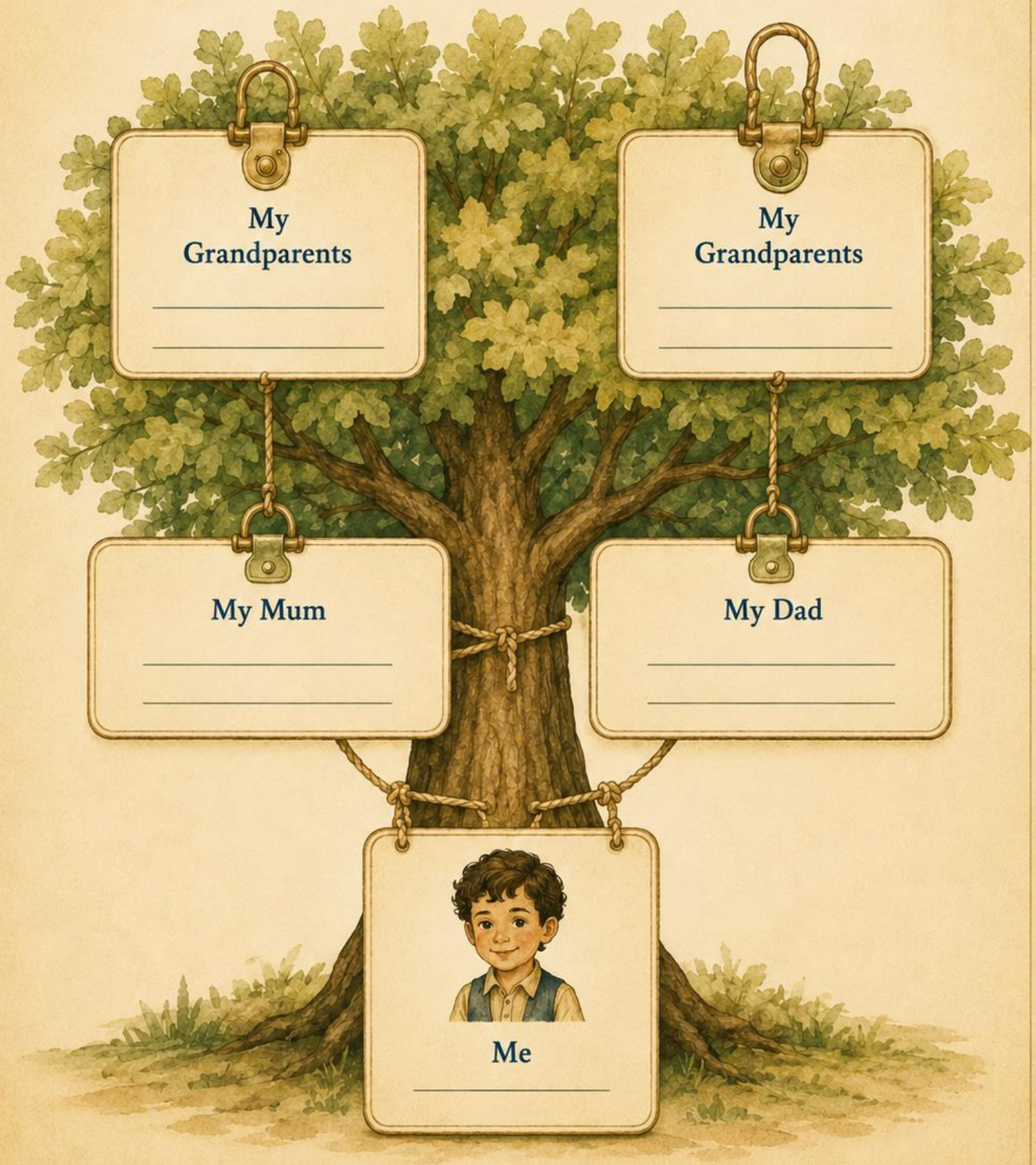
How to make it: _____



MY FAMILY TREE



Fill in your family tree.



MEET ANTONIO



Antonio was a little boy who lived in Italy a long time ago.

He loved his family, his home and his village.

But Antonio dreamed of a better life.

So one day, he packed one suitcase, said goodbye to everything he knew, and bravely sailed across the ocean to Australia.

It was a long and sometimes scary journey, but Antonio never gave up hope.

When he arrived in Australia, he worked hard, made new friends and built a new life.

Antonio came to Australia for a better life, and with courage and hope, he made his dreams come true.



WHAT'S INSIDE ANTONIO'S SUITCASE?

What do you think Antonio packed
in his suitcase? Draw some things.



WRITE A LETTER TO ANTONIO



What would you like to say to Antonio?
Write him a letter.



17. SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Look at the pictures.
Can you find 7 differences?



WORD SEARCH



Find these words in the puzzle.

SUITCASE

FAMILY

ITALY

AUSTRALIA

JOURNEY

LOVE

HOPE

SHIP

HOME

DREAM

STORY

MEMORIES

S	U	I	T	C	A	S	E	H	J	Y
A	U	S	T	R	A	L	I	A	B	K
X	D	R	E	A	M	L	O	V	E	C
H	O	P	E	J	O	U	R	N	E	Y
K	S	H	I	P	T	O	M	E	F	G
G	B	S	T	O	R	Y	R	E	H	L
M	E	M	O	R	I	E	S	H	O	M
I	T	A	L	Y	F	A	M	I	L	Y
Z	Q	X	L	V	B	N	W	P	Y	U
P	E	G	C	H	D	K	T	B		



MATCHING GAME



Draw a line to match the word to the picture.

Family •

Letter •

Passport •

Photo •

Map •

Suitcase •

Ship •



GRATITUDE ACTIVITY



Thank You!



Write or draw three things
you are thankful for.

1.

2.

3.



CERTIFICATE

OFFICIAL FAMILY HISTORY DETECTIVE



This certificate is awarded to

for discovering, learning and
celebrating their family story!

Date: _____ Signed: _____



EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY



Antonio carried one small suitcase.
Inside it were hopes, dreams
and memories.

Today, your family carries
its own special story.

Treasure it.
Share it.
Pass it on.



Thank you for being part of
Antonio's story.



Now, go share yours!

