

Reflection Questions for Family History Unit

Learning Target: Describe the uniqueness of your family's geographic, genetic, and historic evolution.

Please answer the following questions thoroughly and thoughtfully in complete sentences. Shoot for a short paragraph for each response.

- 1) Describe the family history project to someone who was not involved in the unit and has no idea what it is all about. Be sure to mention your research, all parts of the yearbook creation, as well as the one minute montage.

Everybody in our class got assigned by week a piece of family history we needed to find out about our family (family tree, genetic disorder, surnames, countries of origin, interview, phenotypes.) Then we put it into final draft form, and add pictures that go along with your information. After getting all the final copies we put it into a yearbook with each page. We also had to do a 'one minute montage.' Actually it was 55-65 seconds long. We had to follow the rubric for the montage, adding certain parts that was important or interesting with our voice and moving pictures. Then we are going to present. :)

- 2) Do you feel you met the above learning target throughout the process of this project? If so, how? If not, why not?

I feel like I have met the learning target. I learned SO much throughout this project. Maybe even more than the learning target. I've learned all the definitions to the words on our rubric. The surnames were really interesting, as well as the countries of origin and why our family came.

- 3) Why is understanding the unique make-up of your family's evolution (geographic genetic, and historic) so important?

Its good to know your family history (genetic, historic, and geographic) because if you're family ever needs to know the chances of their kids or your own kids having certain traits you can use the punnett squares! If there is ever something important you need to know about your ancestors. You have a family tree. It's good to know in general about your family.

- 4) Which piece of this project gave you the most difficulty; what piece did you struggle with most? Explain.

The most difficult part of the family history project was the genetic disorder part. It was easy to explain what it was, but the other parts like, saying how it affected my family and making it longer was hard.

- 5) Which piece of this project are you most proud of? Why?

I am most proud of my family tree. Even though I didn't do my dad's side of the family, I liked how I got to draw it, instead of doing it on the computer. I also spent a lot of time working on it. :)

6) What was the most interesting piece of information you found out about yourself and/or family through this project.

The most interesting thing I learned throughout this project would probably be the surnames. What they meant did describe me quite a bit! I also found the punnett squares really easy and fun to use once you get the hang of it.