

Creating an Individualized Genealogical Educational Plan

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Motivation

Break through brick walls

Learn about context of ancestor's life

New tool for your genealogical toolbox

Why an Education Plan?

Goals: Writing things means its serious

Listing resources to use: Creates a path to success

Timeframe: We tend to make time when things scheduled

No pressure, do not have to do it all at once

What is your Learning Style?

Visual, Auditory, Tactile/Kinesthetic?

There are Assessments and Inventories online

People usually have a mix of styles

Different surveys may give different results

Experiment for yourself

Education Planner <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/learning-styles-quiz.shtml>

Horizontal vs. Vertical?

Vertical learning

Learn a piece, Apply it immediately, Reason with incomplete data

Horizontal learning

Need to understand how things fit together before using data, Move on to next plateau

Know Your Learning Style

Choose opportunities that complement it

If auditory, written material may not be first choice

If visual, might enjoy books and multimedia presentations

Avoid frustration

Keep moving toward goal

Practice

Practice to: Check understanding, Retain what is learned, Apply what is learned

Have a specific test case in mind: Researching an ancestor, Finding contextual material

Resources

Find reliable resources

Find relevant resources

Be flexible and seek out new resources

Assess the quality of resources

You can form a methodology

Resource: Certificate programs (not an endorsement)

Boston University Certificate *in* Genealogical Research <https://genealogyonline.bu.edu>

Brigham Young University (Idaho) <https://www.byupathway.org/certificate/family-history-research>

NGS Genealogy Courses <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/genealogy-courses>

Resource: Peer Study Group

Professional Genealogy Study Group (ProGen) <https://progenstudygroups.com>
Form your own!

Resource: Institutes

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) <https://slig.ugagenealogy.org/index.php>
Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) <https://www.gripitt.org>
Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) <https://www.gen-fed.org>
Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) <https://ighr.gagensociety.org>
National Institute for Genealogical Studies <https://www.genealogicalstudies.com>

Resource: Webinars

The Genealogy Center at Allen County Public Library <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>
Recorded webinars / classes <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8AE558B5D8661B31>
Family History Library <https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars>
Family Tree Webinars <https://familytreewebinars.com>
Libraries: Live, maybe stored for short time
Local societies
Societies where your ancestors lived
NGS Genealogy Events Calendar

Resource: Finding Webinars

Barbara Smeton Jones Localendar.com/public/GenealogyCalendar
Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/GenealogyCalendarMD>
Conference Keeper Genealogy Events <https://conferencekeeper.org>
Can sign up for a weekly email
Cyndi's List Courses & Webinars <https://www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses-and-webinars>
NGS Genealogy Events Calendar <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/events>

Resource: Articles

Journals, Society Publications, Blogs
Learn to assess quality of material

Resource: Wikis

FamilySearch Wiki https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page
International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) https://isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page
Use credible Wikis

Resource: Conferences

Local, Regional, National
Virtual, In-person
RootsTech <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/home>
RootsTech Sessions <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/home>
Plan to keep sessions online for 3 years
Sign in with free account to make a playlist
NARA Genealogy Fairs <https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>
Links to recorded sessions and handouts 2013 – present
Links to recorded sessions and handouts 2010 – 2012

Resource: Online Classes

Examples: Genealogy, Ethnic Research, History

FutureLearn <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Coursera <https://www.coursera.org/>

Allison <https://alison.com/>

FamilySearch.org (find through the Wiki)

Resource: In-Person Classes

Local Community College - May be offered through Senior Centers

Local genealogical/historical groups

Resource: Presentations

Local Genealogical/Historical Societies: Regular Meetings, Special Events

Libraries

Resource: Books

Genealogical Publishing Company <https://genealogical.com>

National Genealogical Society <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/books>

Family Roots Publishing <https://www.familyrootspublishing.com>

Note: Cannot take credit cards over internet

New England Historic Genealogical Society Bookstore <https://shop.americanancestors.org>

Amazon <https://www.amazon.com>

Specialized publications by societies

Self-published books

About books:

Assess the timeliness of the topic / book

Cited / written by webinar speakers

Look for free sample on Kindle

Resource: Podcasts

Research Like A Pro <https://familylocket.com/the-research-like-a-pro-genealogy-podcast>

Genealogy Guys <http://genealogyguys.com>

Amy Johnson Crow <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/category/podcast>

Family Tree Magazine <https://familytreemagazine.com/genealogy-podcast>

Genealogy Gems <https://lialouisecooke.com/podcasts>

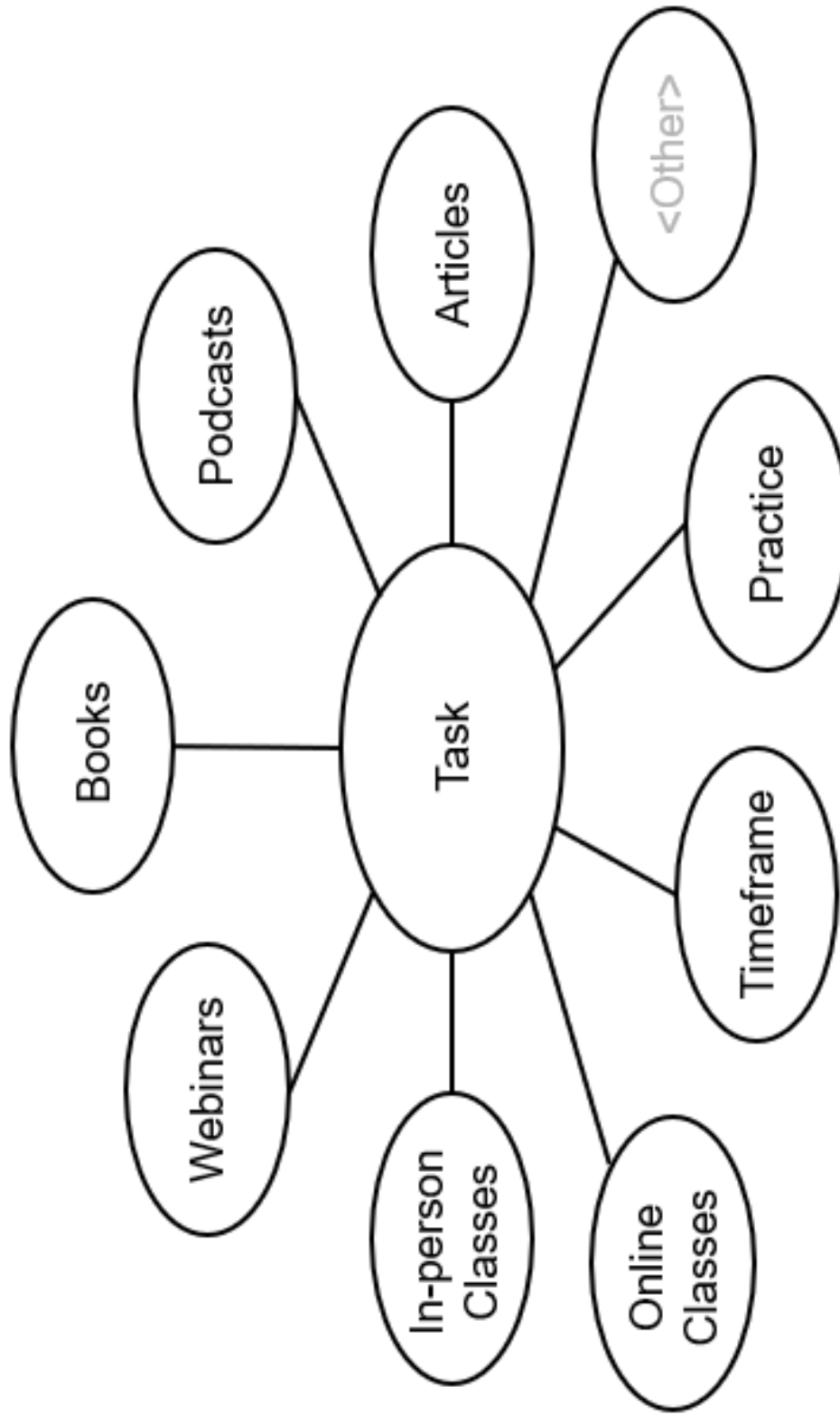
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Resource: Guided Learning

Mentor, Internship, Apprenticeship, Peer Learning

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Organizing Plan

Task

Resources

Institutes

Webinars

Articles

Wikis

Conferences

Online Classes

In-person Classes

Presentation

Books

Podcasts

Guided Learning

Other

Timeframe

Practice

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