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 “A Good Name is Hard to Find”.

Today we are going to learn a lot about ourselves by exploring our ethnic origins. By simply using our last name, we will discover that being and American means that you must have come from somewhere besides America.

Directions- Follow the prompts below to analyze your background.

1. Log onto a computer and go to the internet site- http://www.last-names.net/
2. Type your last name into the box.
3. Answer a few questions below- **First you will use your Father’s last name**.
4. Let’s understand the meaning of your Father’s last name. Where did his name come from?
5. What does his name mean?
6. How many families in North Carolina share his name?
7. Under the Family Origins tab, name some other distant places where we might find relatives of his?
8. Under the average life expectancy tab, how long did his relatives live in the 1940’s?
9. Under that same tab, how long did they live in the 2000’s?
10. Under the Family Occupations tab, what can you determine about the jobs that most people in your ancestors had? **Name at least five**.
11. Under Civil War Service Records, How many of his relatives served in the Union and Confederate Armies?

 **Now we will analyze your background using your mother’s last name.**

1. Let’s understand the meaning of your Mother’s last name. Where did her name come from?
2. What does her name mean?
3. How many families in North Carolina share her name?
4. Under the Family Origins tab, name some other distant places where we might find relatives of hers?
5. Under the average life expectancy tab, how long did her relatives live in the 1940’s?
6. Under that same tab, how long did they live in the 2000’s?
7. Under the Family Occupations tab, what can you determine about the jobs that most people in her ancestors had? **Name at least five**.
8. Under Civil War Service Records, How many of her relatives served in the Union and Confederate Armies?

 Next, go to the website <http://www.allfamilycrests.com/>

We are about to take a look at your family crest. In the find the name box, type in your father’s last name.

1. Describe what your father’s family crest looks like:
2. Next, do the same for your mother’s last name. What does hers look like?

 Under the Make your own coat of arms family crest tab, design your family crest.

1. What did you choose for your family crest and why did you choose it?
2. Critical question- Using all of the research you’ve done today, where exactly in America is your family from?

Using the final sheet of paper, use your colored pencils to design your own coat of arms. In the space below, explain why you chose they art work you did. (You do not have to use the same design from the web-site).

Explanation of artwork and symbols-

<http://www.4crests.com/coat-of-arms-template.html>