

# Heritage Research Project

Due \_\_\_\_\_

We are about to start our new unit of Social Studies and learn about California's Heritage. To kick off this new unit, you will need to research your family heritage, put everything together into a suitcase, and share your family's heritage with your classmates and others. Follow the guidelines below to get 100% of the possible points!

## **1. Construct a suitcase: (20 points)**

- Your suitcase must be made **BY YOU!!!!!!** Use a shoebox, pizza box, or any other materials
- Your suitcase must be **UNDER** 18" long, 18" wide, and 6" tall.
- You **may not** use an actual suitcase
- Be sure to remember to decorate your suitcase and include details such as luggage tags

### **- Your suitcase should include the following:**

- Family tree (5 points)
- Flag/Flags: Your display should include the American flag and smaller flags representing other areas of your heritage. (5 points)
- Page from History: Your written account of family history taken from an oral story/interview. (15 points)
- Maps: Include a map of your country. Put a star or dot the city or cities where your family lived. (5)
- Passport (15 points)
- Artifacts – create artifacts that represent your heritage. Things your family members might have or did bring with them or Samples of traditional arts/crafts/clothing (25 points)
- You will also receive 5 points for turning your project in on time.

Remember appearance and neatness count!

**Optional Ideas:** You will earn 100 points if your suitcase has all the necessary requirements listed above. You can earn **extra points**, if you like, by including anything else you like related to your family or heritage. Some ideas include:

- Copies of photographs of relatives/ancestors
- Copies of immigration or other interesting documents such as birth or marriage certificates
- Common phrases in your country's language with translations
- A coat of arms
- Anything else you can think of!

## Passport Directions

You will create a 7-page "passport". The following are directions for each page. Don't forget a cover.

Page 1: Your picture and all personal data as you would find on any passport

Page 2: A drawing of your ancestral flag

Page 3: Map of country of Origin with ancestral immigration route noted on US and world maps  
"Color the map to show the place your family left, and the route they took to the United States.  
Now...you are on your way. Use your passport as a guide, pack your suitcase and come to class ready to show something about your family's immigration to the United States. Tell us your immigration story And..earn your Seal of the United States!"

Page 4: Description of the place they left:

Place Name:

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_(North or South?)

Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ (East or West?)

The physical setting (mountains or valleys, hot or cold, rainy or dry, and so on):

Tell something about what it might have been like to live there:

Page 5: Family History

When did your family first come to the United States?

Where did they live before?

How did they travel to the United States?

How long did it take them to get here?

Describe the route they took. Who came with them?

Describe their traveling experiences. Based on family interviews.

Page 6: Describe what happened when they first arrived in the United States:

What was difficult for them to get used to?

What was easy for them to get used to?

What do you think they miss the most from their old home or country?

Page 7: Describe special customs and traditions brought with them to the United States:

Did they bring any special mementos or favorite things? Describe them:

Did they bring knowledge of any special skills or languages? Describe them:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Suitcase (20 points) \_\_\_\_\_

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Flag/Flags (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Pg from History (15 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Maps (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport (15 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Artifacts (25 points) \_\_\_\_\_

On Time (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Appearance and neatness

(5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Credit \_\_\_\_\_