



Genealogy Journaling Prompts

In my blog post, [5 Steps to Implement Your Annual Genealogy Goals](#), I describe the value of keeping a journal. Incorporating writing into your family research builds a rich genealogy experience.

What should you journal about? The following weekly journaling prompts will help you reflect on your genealogy practice. The five blanks encourage you to come up with your own ideas. So, grab your paper and pencil, set a timer for 10 minutes, and start journaling!

This week, I'm thinking about...

1. My favorite genealogy task
2. An ancestor I wish I could talk to
3. That resource I can't live without
4. An interesting ancestral story I recently heard
5. An important research lesson I've learned
6. How I feel when I resolve a sticky problem
7. A genealogy super power I wish I had
8. How I share my hobby with others
9. A research obstacle I recently overcame
10. A fun genealogy gift I received
11. The greatest risk to my success
12. A new tool that would help me with my research
13. A genealogy wish I would ask for
14. An ancestor whose physical trait I inherited
15. How I feel when I get stuck
16. How religion impacted the life of an ancestor
17. An approach I use to stay on task
18. An ideal research day
19. My favorite heirloom or photograph
20. How a personal value is fulfilled through genealogy
21. An historical period in which I'd like to live
22. The family history legacy I hope to leave
23. What it would feel like to live an ancestor's life
24. How I think through a research challenge
25. An ancestral location I hope to visit someday
26. My genealogy dream job
27. An accomplishment of which I'm proud
28. A lesson an ancestor taught me
29. A research habit I've successfully created
30. My last genealogy "happy dance"
31. How my approach to research has changed
32. An ancestor with an interesting profession
33. What excites me about family history
34. A family tradition that I value
35. An aspect of genealogy that has surprised me
36. An ancestor I admire
37. A moment I'll always remember
38. My favorite place to conduct research
39. The last time a finding made me laugh
40. My favorite organization hack
41. Genealogy advice I'd give my younger self
42. A research mistake that shaped me for success
43. My genealogy resolution
44. A personal strength that helps me with research
45. A favorite memory of an ancestor I knew
46. My last genealogy purchase
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