

Genealogy in the Classroom Ideas and Resources

WEBSITE LINKS

[Grandparents Oral History Project Collection](#)

The project was done by 1st grade teacher Betty White of the Andrew Jackson Elementary School in Kingsport, Tennessee. It began in 1976 and continued until she retired in 2003. Repository: Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University

[Youth and Genealogy Website of Allen County Public Library](#)

Allen County Public Library is one of the largest repositories of genealogical materials in the country and has a link to several youth related sites.

[APG—Association of Professional Genealogists](#)

This organization has a list of members organized by specialty, geographic area, and more.

[FamilySearch](#)

Operated through the support of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, it is one of the best sites you will find when it comes to resources and access to free records. From the main page: under the Library tab you will be able to find a local Family History Center in your vicinity; under the Index Records tab you will find numerous projects in which you can participate/contribute. If you are ambitious, you can organize your own project.

[FGS—Federation of Genealogical Societies](#)

This organization has over 500 member societies, and in the past has been active in their support of youth-related genealogy activities.

[Footnote.com](#)

This is an up and coming subscription site that is digitizing thousands of historical documents. Recommend contacting and asking for limited free access for projects requiring resources on the website.

[Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness](#)

A great way to perform community service. You can provide manpower support using the resources of local societies or utilize projects you have created.

[Genealogical Speakers Guild](#)

The list of members can be searched by state. Another good source for finding local genealogists to seek guidance, use as guest speakers, and more.

[Ancestry.com](#)

This company is the most recognized source for genealogy on the internet. It is a subscription site with a database of millions and millions of records. However, it also is organizing the digitizing of hundreds of thousands of records and indexes that will be offered for free on their

site. Called the World Archives Project, you can access the details from the Collaborate tab on the main page.

[Directory of Historical and Genealogical Societies](#)

This is a very impressive compilation of societies; a specialized online directory for locating societies in your area.

[Taneya's Blog](#)

This is a great example of what you can do with blogs. On the right hand side of the site you can see two of her genealogy related blogs, titled "Genealogy Blog" and "Genealogy Website". With the first she posts information of a general nature and on the other she displays her own family history. Another blog of hers, [Black Nashville History and Genealogy](#) is my favorite as it shows how you can display the results of a class project as you go, which should keep your students excited and motivated.

[Family Tree Magazine](#)

This is a fantastic resource. It is a commercial site but they provide a number of free resources that you can use to put together student projects. Among the freebies are downloadable forms, a nice blog, and a podcast. And don't leave the site without looking at their latest edition of the 101 Best Genealogy Websites.

[USGenWeb](#)

A site where a group of volunteer coordinators provide a network of free genealogical resources. A nice place to find what projects have been done in your state or local community, as well as a place to submit your completed project.

[RootsWeb](#)

This is site where people can come and share their information by creating a webpage and uploading the data. It is another place where you can display your completed project, or volunteer in a number of activities.

[Nebraska State Genealogical Society](#)

A good place to see what is going on genealogy-wise in the state. The society has partnered with the Ancestry World Project to digitize the 1885 Nebraska State Census.

[Nebraska State Historical Society](#)

Is a great place to network with and possibly take a field trip.