

Week 1 Worksheet

**MASTER YOUR
FAMILY TREE
RESEARCH**



Exercise 1: 'Finding Your Fit'

A YOUR RESEARCH LOG SHOULD SUIT YOUR NEEDS ... WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING APPROACHES APPEAL TO YOU? (ring all that apply)

TECH-FOCUSED

Spreadsheets
Word/text documents
Note-taking apps (e.g. Evernote,
One Note, Obsidian ...)

HANDWRITTEN

Notebook
File/Binder

Another approach not listed above:

My chosen approach for
a research log is ...

B MY FAMILY TREE RESEARCH INCLUDES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oral histories | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-19th century eras |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical objects | <input type="checkbox"/> Archival visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19th & 20th century research | <input type="checkbox"/> DNA & genetic genealogy |

C BASED ON MY CHOSEN LOG APPROACH AND MY TYPE OF RESEARCH, HOW DO I PLAN TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A GOOD RESEARCH LOG?

S - SECURE

N - NAVIGABLE

A - ADAPTIVE

C - CONSISTENT

K - KNOWLEDGE-FOCUSED

Exercise 2 How will a research log help YOU?

RESEARCH LOG BENEFITS

HOW MIGHT THIS HELP WITH MY BRICK WALL?

Continuity

Blind spots &
unexplored territory

Quality checks

Tackle errors,
retrace steps

Comprehensive
searches

Savvy budgeting

Exercise 3: Research Log Bingo

PRINT OFF THE BINGO CARD BELOW AND SEE HOW MANY ITEMS YOU CAN TICK OFF BY THE END OF THE COURSE!

Use your log to check a conclusion	Log 10 consecutive research sessions	Track down 5 references & add them to your log	Back up your log
Log a DNA session	Retrace your steps	Attempt a Basic or 'Newbie' log	Rerun a search
Log every session for 1 week	Add to your BSO page	Use your log for continuity between sessions	Experiment with an advanced log
Use your log for budgeting	Experiment with colour and/or different fonts	ID a blind spot	Keep track of 10 references

Exercise 4

