

Worksheet

FAMILY STORIES—TRUTH OR FICTION?

1. What is a favorite family story that seems to have many different versions, depending on who tells the story? Which version seems to be the most common?

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2. Can you locate journals or a family Bible that may offer more accurate information about the story?

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3. Are there living relatives who were present at the time the events in the story took place? If so, contact each individual and conduct a short interview to get more concrete details.

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4. Record several versions of the story along a simple timeline. Look for discrepancies. Is there a way to resolve the mystery details by eliminating the facts you know are false?

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5. If the story surrounds a national event, look for additional information sources that could support or deny the validity of the story, such as newspaper accounts or historical records.

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