



Ancestral Connections

Special Prep

In preparation for our special ceremony, I encourage you to:

- 🌟 Gather photos of family members and any memorabilia (jewelry, etc)
- 🌟 Gather photos of countries where your family has roots.
- 🌟 Look at a map and notice the distance from where they lived to where you grew up. Reflect on the similarities and differences between the two places. Reflect on the journey at the time your ancestors traveled. What does the “old country” mean to you today?
- 🌟 Ask family members to share memories. Reflect on the stories of hardship and opportunities, successes and failures, of love and loss and new beginnings. You may be surprised that a sibling noticed something differently than you.
- 🌟 Ask your parents, or any other relative, or close family friend, (if possible) about who you “take after” in the family (if anyone); who you were named for and why.
- 🌟 We will go deeper into these questions when we gather for the special ceremony for Ancestral Connections; now is a chance to gather data.