



## History Benchmark Achievements Primary History

Ages 0-8

### Objectives at this age:

- Learn through play and story.
- Nurture the sense of belonging to a family on Earth and a family in Heaven.
- Create a “My Family” journal including drawings, photos, diagrams, maps, and short stories.
- Understand the names and events associated with national holidays.

*Stories and activities can be designed to teach the following family and country history to prepare children to begin elementary history sometime after their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

- Maps: Locate the town or city and state where you live.
- Maps: Locate North America and the United States.
- Maps: Locate the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the Gulf of Mexico.
- Maps: Name and locate countries where ancestors lived on a world map.
- Memorize address and phone number(s) for your home and parents or guardians.
- Create simple biographies of family members (father, mother, sisters, brothers, grandparents).
- Record short stories about family members (living and deceased ancestors). Illustrate stories and store in “My Family” journal.
- History Stories:
  - Christopher Columbus
  - Pilgrims
  - Thanksgiving
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- US Presidents
  - George Washington
  - Thomas Jefferson
  - Abraham Lincoln
- National Symbols
  - American Flag
  - Statue of Liberty