# International Day of Families – Family Tree

For International Day of Families, we are going to create a family tree. Family trees are a part of genealogy, or the study of families and lineage. In science, genealogy is used to help us trace some of the traits that we have, such as hair color, height, medical conditions, and more. Family trees are a good start when learning about genetics.

When we make our family tree, we will see many stems and branches for each part of our family, and it will start to resemble a tree starting with you! That's why it is called a family tree!
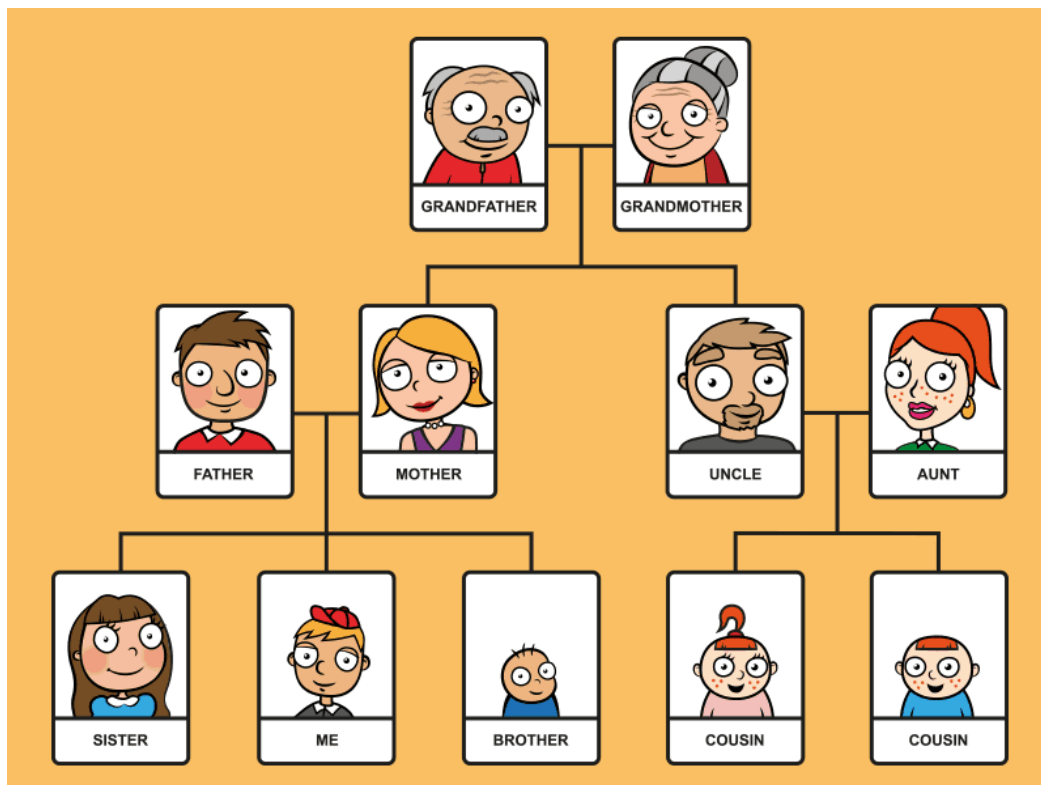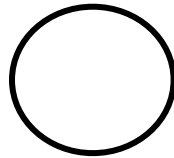
To make your own family tree, you will need the following: Paper, markers/crayons, information about your family. Optional – scissors and colored paper
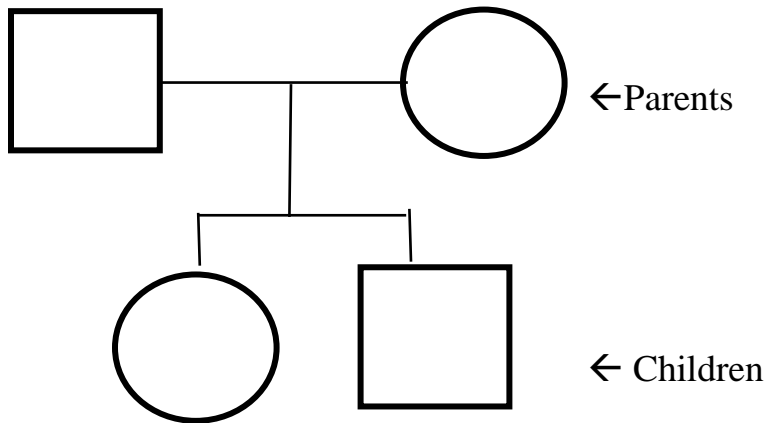
Before you can get started, you need to know some symbols:

☐ - Male   ◯ - Female

☐———◯ ←Parents

◯ ☐ ← Children
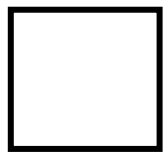
Using these symbols, you can create your own family tree!

Start with the shape for yourself, and place it on your, at the bottom in the center.

Add shaped for your brothers and sisters next to your shape.

Place your parents shapes above you shape, and draw lines connecting them together, and connecting you, like the symbols above.

Add your grandparents above your parents, and repeat the process, until you can't add any more.

After you finish your tree, go back, and think of a trait that you have that you want to trace. Maybe you have blonde hair. Write down that you have blonde hair, and then see who else in your tree has blonde hair. You might be able to figure out which side of the family your blonde hair got passed down from!

Here is my family tree!