Identity: Homework Activity

What would you like to know about your past, your family or your community?

Start by talking to an older relative or member of your local community (from your church, mosque or synagogue for example). Take some notes. These are some questions you could ask them:

1. Are you named after anyone in your family?

2. Where were your parents born?

3. What is your mother’s maiden name? or do you have family names (like Spain)?

4. What jobs did your parents have?

5. Do you have any family that live in other countries? If so, which countries?

6. What is the first thing you can remember?

7. What is your earliest childhood memory? What is your happiest and saddest?

8. Did you get pocket money? What did you spend it on?

9. When was your bedtime? What time did you get up?

10. What food did you eat? What was your favourite meal?

11. What toys did you play with?

12. Did you have any chores (jobs to do)?

13. Where did you go to school? Did you enjoy it? How did you play?

What similarities are there between your elderly friend or relative’s childhood and yours? What differences are there?