

MY FAMILY STORIES

Throughout the semester, we will share stories of our forebears during different periods of time, so start chatting to your relatives and taking notes!

For each essay, you will be assigned a specific time period. Research and type a one page story about one or more of your forebears, no matter where in the world they lived. Do not stray out of the assigned time period (if you are asked to talk about people in the 1940s, don't tell how they married in the Fifties and died in 1990.)

12 point font and one inch margins. If you do not have enough family info to fill the page, fill up the remaining space with appropriate historical data from your textbook or online. If possible, make links between your families' activities and well-known events of the era.

If you absolutely, positively don't have family info for a time period: This essay must be signed by a parent declaring that there are no family stories for this time period. Then, you may go to www.ohs.org and find the Oregon Biographies page. Go to the assigned time period, find a famous Oregonian, and read about her/him. Then, google more info, and finally write your original essay about this person. Do not cut-and-paste, as I want to hear your voice as a writer. Clearly label your essay, Famous Oregonian, and **include your citations** (more than one required.)

Semester 1

- Pre-1900
- 1900 – 1920
- 1920-1940

Semester 2

- 1940-1950
- 1950s
- 1960-1979
- 1980 – your birthday
- Your life