



4-12 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Fun, meaningful ideas to keep learning going all summer long!



FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT

Interview a family member and learn about your family's history.

Ask questions like:

- Where did our family come from?
- What traditions or stories are important to our family?
- What challenges did they face?
- What are they most proud of?

Share what you learned in a creative way (writing, video, poster, or digital story).



CURRENT EVENTS EXPLORATION

Pick a current event happening in the United States or around the world.

Learn more about it!

- What is happening?
- Why is it important?
- Who is affected?
- What are different viewpoints?
- How might it impact the future?

Share what you learned and your thoughts in a short paragraph, presentation, or video.



MAP IT!

Choose a place you would like to visit—anywhere in the world!

- Find it on a map or globe.
- What country, state, or region is it in?
- What is the climate like?
- What are some major landmarks?
- What is the culture like?

Create a travel guide or brochure about your destination.



HISTORICAL FIGURE SPOTLIGHT

Choose a historical figure who inspires you.

- When did they live?
- What are they known for?
- What challenges did they overcome?
- How did they make a difference?
- What can we learn from their life?

Share what you learned in a creative format (speech, poster, comic, or video).



CIVICS IN ACTION

Learn how our government and communities work together to make a difference.

- Learn about a local issue or community concern.
- Who is responsible for addressing it?
- How can citizens get involved?
- What are some ways you can make a positive impact?

Create a plan or poster showing how you can be an active and informed citizen.



ECONOMICS AROUND YOU

Explore how people make choices about money and resources.

- Track your spending for a week.
- What do you need vs. want?
- How do businesses advertise to you?
- How do your choices impact others or the environment?

Share what you learned and one smart financial decision you can make.



SERVICE & LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Make a difference in your community this summer!

- Identify a need in your neighborhood.
- Plan a service project or act of kindness.
- Take action and inspire others to help.
- Reflect on how your effort made an impact.

Document your experience and what you learned about leadership.



CREATE A SUMMER TIME CAPSULE

Time capsules are a great way to save memories for the future!

- Include items that show what life is like today (photos, news, drawings, letters, small objects).
- Write about your goals and dreams.
- Seal it up and decide when to open it!

Reflect: What do you hope the future will look like?



FUTURE FOCUS

Take time this summer to think about your future and set goals.

Choose one:

- Research a career you might be interested in.
- Explore a college or technical school website.
- Talk with a family member about their job.

Write three things you learned.



➔ NEED MORE IDEAS? CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES! ➔

ACTIVITY	WEBSITE	WHAT YOU CAN DO
FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT	Newsela (newsela.com)	Discover stories, events, and people from the past.
CURRENT EVENTS EXPLORATION	Newsela (newsela.com)	Read current events articles written for students at different reading levels.
MAP IT!	Google Earth (earth.google.com)	Explore any place in the world with maps, 3D views, and interesting facts.
HISTORICAL FIGURE SPOTLIGHT	Ducksters Biography (ducksters.com/biography)	Read kid-friendly biographies of famous people from history.
CIVICS IN ACTION	iCivics (icivics.org)	Play interactive games to learn how government works and how citizens make a difference.
ECONOMICS AROUND YOU	Practical Money Skills (practicalmoneyskills.com)	Learn about money, budgeting, saving, and making smart financial choices.
SERVICE & LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE	Points of Light (pointsoflight.org)	Find service project ideas and ways to help your community.
CREATE A SUMMER TIME CAPSULE	Smithsonian Learning Lab (learninglab.si.edu)	Explore objects, photos, and stories from the past to include in your time capsule.
FUTURE FOCUS	My Next Move (mynextmove.org)	Take career quizzes, explore jobs, and learn about education and training.



Keep learning. Keep exploring. Make this your best summer yet!

