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Family Names – Form Quiz

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* Indicates required question



Family Names

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Origins: Men named Black were cloth dyers who specialized in black dyes. In those days, all cloth was originally white, so it had to be dyed different colors.

Last Name: Chandler
Occupation: candlemaker
Origins: The French word chandelier refers to a person who makes candles.

Last Name: Fisher
Occupation: fisherman
Origins: People named Fisher were professional fishermen.

Last Name: Gardiner
Occupation: gardener
Origins: This is a variation of the Norman word gardiner, meaning "gardener."

Last Name: Kemp (Kempa)
Occupation: wrestler
Origins: These were unusually strong men who wrestled for a living. The name comes from the Old English word cempa, meaning "warrior."

Last Name: Leach
Occupation: doctor
Origins: Leach comes from the French word laeac, meaning "doctor." Medieval doctors also used blood-sucking leeches on their patients. They believed these worms would purify the patient's blood and rid the patient of disease.

Last Name: Miller

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letter that matches each correct answer.


2. One can often recognize an ancestor's occupation by

A who their mother was
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Miller	mill operator	A miller, or mill operator, was responsible for grinding grain into flour. This was an important job, since the flour was used to make bread and other foods that made up a large part of the diet of that time.
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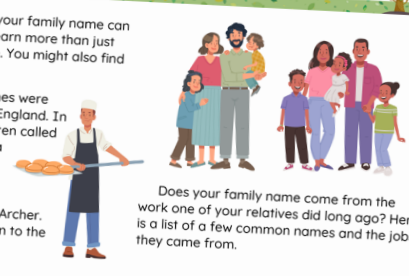
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This is a variation of the Norman word *gardinier*, meaning "gardener."

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 - C find out what job their ancestors did for a living
 - D look in a book about occupations
- One can often recognize an ancestor's occupation by
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Family Names (cont.)


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- What is the main idea of the chart?
 - A to explain the origin of last names that are colors
 - B to tell about the most popular family names in 12th-century England
 - C to translate European words into English
 - D to tell the origins of some family names

Family Names (cont.)

After reading the passage, drag a dot to cover the letter that matches each correct answer.

- The author gives the reader reason to believe that
 - A the name Leach came from a method to purify blood.
 - B a chandler dug channels in rivers.
 - C dyers wore black cloth to work and around town.
 - D kemps were unusually tall men.



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- who their mother was
- where they lived
- their first name
- their last name

3. What is the main idea * 1 point

- to explain the origin of last names
- to tell about the most popular last names
- to translate European last names
- to tell the origins of surnames

4. Based on the passage, the family name Taylor might mean * 1 point

- traveled a lot.
- sewed and repaired clothing.
- sailed boats.
- made and sold furniture.

5. This passage suggests that if your family name is Smith, your ancestor probably * 1 point

- made things out of metal.
- cared for plants and lawns.
- colored white cloth black.
- built very strong walls.

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Answer the questions. Fill in the bubble beside each.

1. _____ someone do to find out more about their _____?

2. _____ the same letter as theirs _____ did for a living _____?


3. _____ occupation by _____?

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