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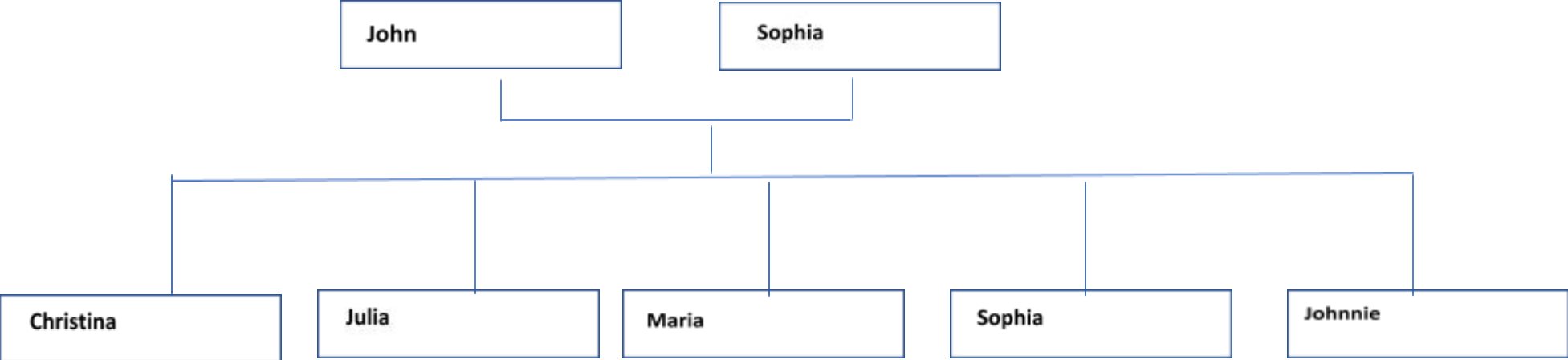
**Extra Credit Activity: Holzwarth Family Tree  
Holzwarth Historic Site**

**Background:** Imagine living in this part of the Rocky Mountains with all the comforts we have today such as electricity, automobiles, grocery stores, etc. Now imagine living when John and Sophia Holzwarth came to the Kawuneeche Valley in 1917. Building a small cabin on their homestead, John was later joined by his wife and son, Johnnie. During the next summers, they built additional cabins for guests. Eventually they changed their home into a dude ranch.

John and Sophia eventually had five children: Christina, Julia, Maria, Sophia, and Johnnie. A family tree is a way to visualize how people are related. The family tree below illustrates the relationship between John and Sophie Holzwarth and their five children.

# Holzwarth Family Tree

Surname: **Holzwarth**



**Word Alert:**

Genealogy—the study of family history

Generation - All of the family members born and living at about the same time

Sibling—brothers and sisters

Surname—the last name of the person

Maiden name—woman's surname before she was married and took on the husband's surname

Family tree-diagram that shows the person's entire family

Descendant—an ancestor's offspring (children, grandchildren)

A family tree is the most common way to visually document one's family history. Most family tree charts include a box for each individual and each box is connected to the others to show how they are related. More detailed family trees may include dates (birth and death) and birthplace for the individual in each box.

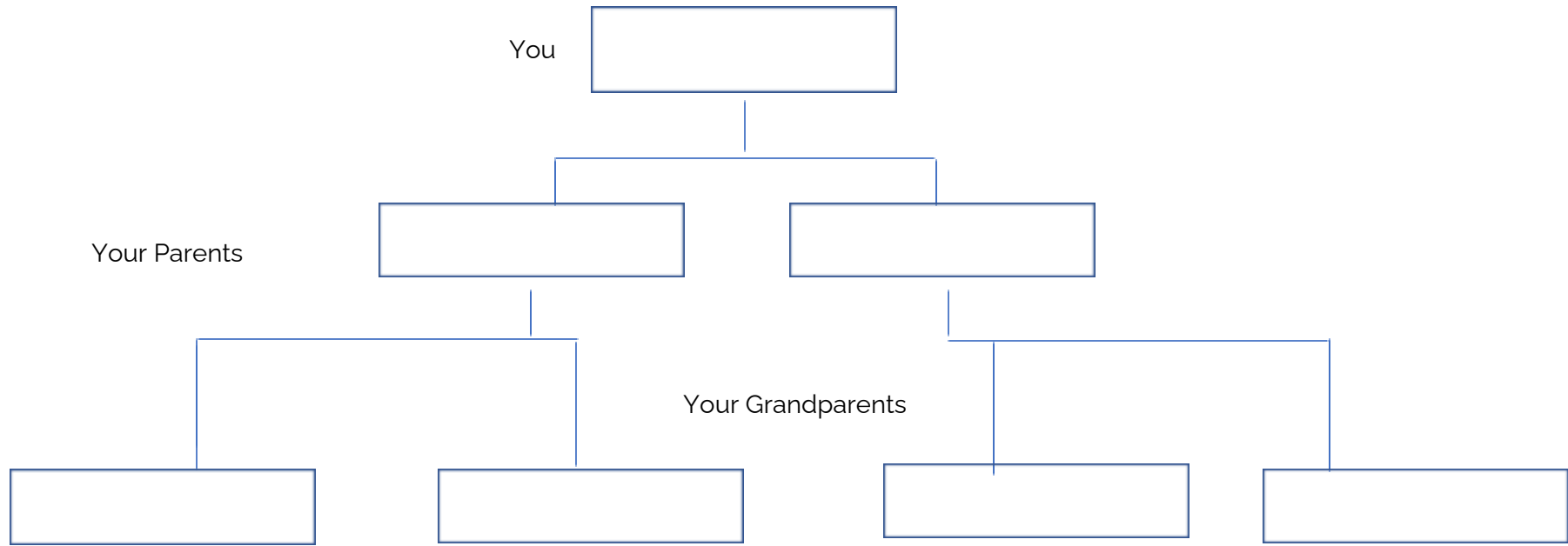
Usually, a generation is organized into a single level so it's easy to see at a glance which family members preceded which generation because they are separated from them on the tree.

**Questions to Ask:**

1. Does it matter in what order a family member is born to put in a family tree? *Yes*
2. Why does it matter? *This shows which sibling is oldest, etc.*
3. What does it mean on a family tree when there is a horizontal line connecting two names? *Marriage.*
4. What does it mean on a family tree when there is a bracket from a couple? *children*



**Activity:** Using the family tree template below fill out your family tree.



**Interested in learning more?**

There are many resources online to help kids build their own family tree.

Downloadable templates and games for genealogy. can be [found here](#).

[This Scholastic website](#) has great activities for a kid to begin his/her adventure in genealogy!

[Where Do I Come From Lesson Plan](#)

