Perhaps you would like to be a Genealogist. Have you ever collected photographs or other items that are connected to your past? Have you ever made a family tree? The study of your family history is called Genealogy. Have you collected records of your forebears? People come to the Filson from all over to do research on different projects like a book they might be writing or to gather a lot of area collections. The Filson Historical Society was founded on May 15, 1884, by ten Louisvillians with a common love of history. Ever since then the Filson has been busy collecting, preserving, and telling the significant stories of Kentucky and Ohio Valley history and culture.

The Filson Historical Society likes to collect important things related to local history. One thing that we have gathered a lot of are maps. We have over 1,150 maps in our collections. Maps are very useful. They can help you find where to go and share where you have been. Some maps could even be treasure maps!

Have you ever tried to draw a map of your back yard or neighborhood? See if you can, then have a friend try to follow it to find a special treat. It’s fun!

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This explorer should have made a map! Can you help him find a way back to the cabin?

Here are some words that are related to The Filson Historical Society. Circle them when you find them. The words can be found across, backwards, diagonally, and up or down.

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Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States of America. He was born on February 12, 1809 in Hodgenville, KY. He was the first president to have a beard. Here’s a photograph of a younger, clean shaven Abe. Connect the dots to give him his famous beard.

Speaking of Whiskers... Did you know that President Lincoln loved cats? He had two cats while living at the White House named Tabby and Dixie. He once fed Tabby from the table at a formal dinner! He sometimes claimed that the cats were smarter than his advisors. To find out more about presidents’ pets go to this website, www.presidentspetmuseum.com.

Can you write like Lincoln? See how close you can come to copying his signature.

A caricature is a drawing that exaggerates a person’s features or behaviors in a humorous way. Caricatures can often be found in newspapers commenting on a politician or current topic.

On a separate piece of paper, Can you draw a Caricature of someone? Try doing one of yourself first.

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One of these images is missing something that the others have. Can you find it?