

My Family in History

In the story "What Happened to Dolly," *Storyworks* editor Lauren Tarshis learned about the polio epidemics in America through the experience of her own distant relatives. In this activity, you will interview a family member to learn how important events from history affected their life in big and small ways.

Directions: Directions: choose a relative or family friend and ask them to think of two important news events that happened when they were around your age. Ask them about the event, and how it affected their life. Write your answers in the boxes below.

Year	In the News	How It Affected _____ <small>your relative's name</small>

Critical Thinking

We are all affected by events around us, even if those events don't happen directly to us. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Make sure to support your answer with examples from the chart above and your own ideas.