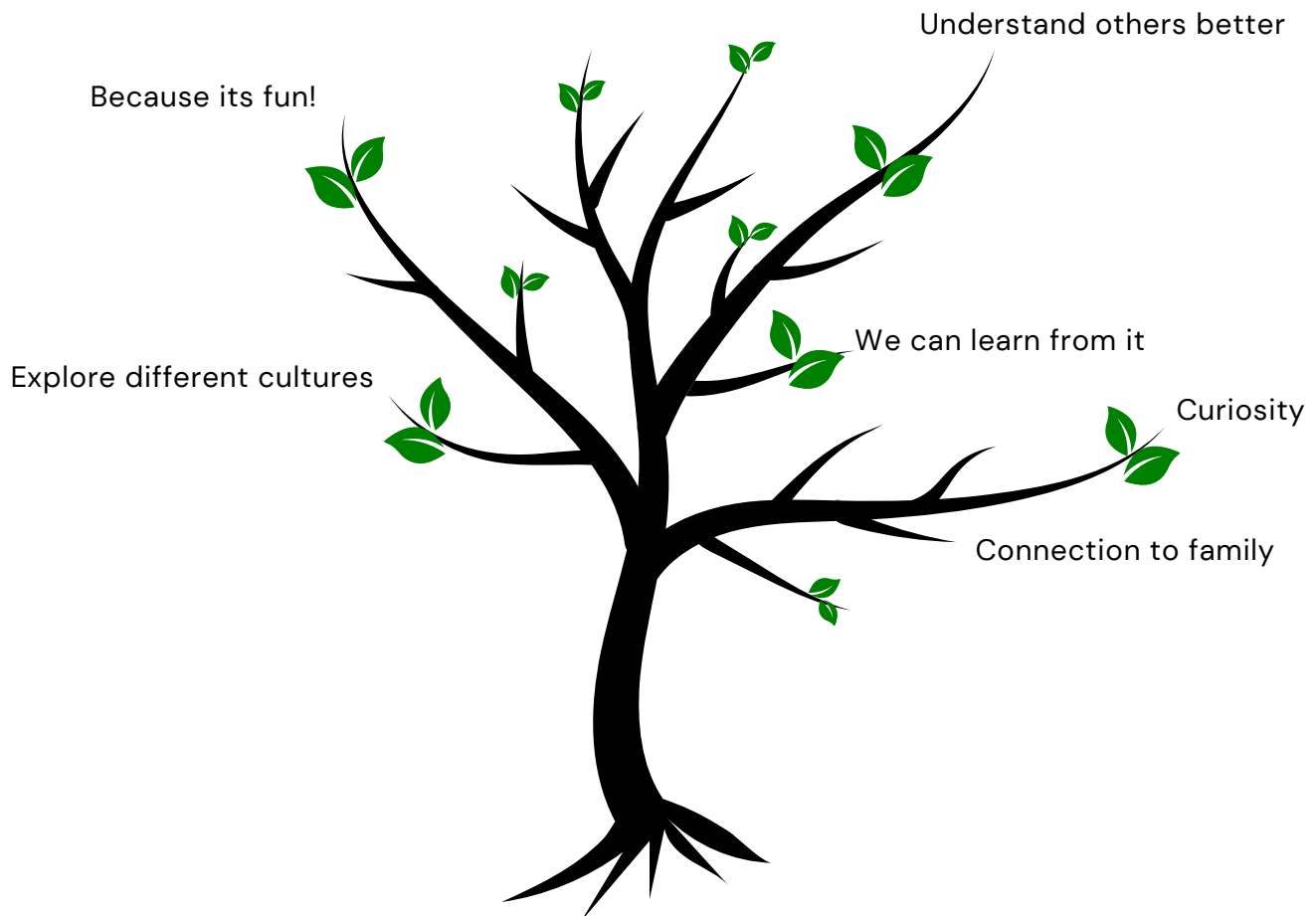


# WHY LEARN ABOUT THE PAST?



There are many reasons why you should learn about the past. Some ideas are listed on the diagram below. Can you think of any more reasons why studying history is important? Add them to the tree.



One way to learn about the past is to explore the history of your own family. Your family's stories are important examples of the ways people experience history.

Have a go at the activity sheet. If you feel like an extra challenge explore more family history using the resource below.

If you want to discover more about your family history check out some of the resource below. You never know what stories you could uncover!

Christchurch City Libraries Family history and whakapapa for kids  
<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/family-history/beginners/>



# A FAMILY INTERVIEW

Choose a person from your whānau or community to interview to learn about their past. Ask them the questions below and write down their answers.

Name of person interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_



How did you or your family come to live in Waitaha Canterbury?

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What suburb or town do you live in? Work with your person to find out what the name means or where it comes from.

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**HINT:** If you need help researching your person's suburb or town try asking your local librarian for help.

Is there a place in Waitaha Canterbury that is significant to you? e.g. a place you go regularly or where something special happened. Why is it important?

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Draw your person's important place below....

A large empty rectangular box with a double orange border, intended for drawing a person's important place.