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## Pass On The Past

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Passing knowledge from old to young is crucial in providing the next generation the tools they need to succeed. In *Snow Buddies*, Talon teaches the pups how to be sled dogs while in *The Aristocats*, Duchess tutors her kittens in the art of being little ladies and gentlemen.

Follow the tips below to help your little ones learn more about the world around them and how they fit in.

**Share photographs of past generations.** Consider drawing a family tree and gluing copies of pictures in the appropriate places to provide a visual sense of how the family fits together, then look for similarities in physical features.

**Cook a special family recipe.** Detail its history and origins if you know it. If not, simply describe memories of times you prepared it as a child.

**Place stickers on a world map** signifying all the places your ancestors come from.

**Learn a few words in your family's native language,** research what kinds of games children played 100 years ago, or read an historical novel aloud to find out about how your ancestors might have lived.

**Write or record older family members' recollections** of "the good old days" and encourage your children to keep a journal of their thoughts and activities--perfect preparation for when their children and grandchildren want to know about the past!

