

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Supplies:**

- ◆ Historian Worksheet (pg. 29)
- ◆ Recycled Magazines, catalogs, newspapers, books, etc.
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Scrapbook Layout Guide (pg. 30)
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Heavy Paper (such as cardstock)
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Stickers, construction paper, stencils and other scrapbooking supplies—*optional*

# Activity 5—Skills for Officers Historian

**Description & Objectives:**

The objective of these activities is to provide specific skills for each officer position to allow youth to feel comfortable and competent with their leadership role. Depending on the situation, you could hold all of the officer skill trainings concurrently, as a skill-a-thon or one big group. You may also need to add trainings for other officer positions that are common in your county. There are Montana 4-H books for nearly all of the officer positions that can serve as additional resources to plan the activities or answer questions. Officers should be encouraged to obtain these books.

**Leading the Activity:**

1. Provide Background: The individual in this position helps to preserve the history of the club. The duties of the historian include keeping record of the club's accomplishments and activities throughout the year, and collecting photographs, news articles and other memorabilia important to the club. After all this information is gathered, it is your job to put it into a scrapbook or other visual way to preserve the memories.
2. Journaling Activity (10 minutes) - Provide each participant with the Historian Worksheet. Work through it together while talking about the concepts.
3. Scrapbooking Activity (20 minutes)
  - a. Provide each person with the Scrapbook Layout Guide. Discuss various ways to design a page including the importance of journaling, layout, titles, captions, position, photos, colors, etc. The 4-H Scrapbooking Guide from North Dakota State University Extension Service is a great resource for a lot of this information.
  - b. Give each person a piece of heavy paper and access to the magazines along with any other scrapbooking supplies. Their objective is to create an effective layout using photos from the magazines for a club activity. Make sure to include journaling and captions. Use your imagination to create a fun story page!

**Reflect & Apply:**

- ◆ What are some of the challenges of being a Historian?
- ◆ What skills are important for a Historian?
- ◆ Do other organizations have Historians?

# Historian Practice

Which of these would you include in the Historian's Book?

- \_\_\_\_\_ A picture of your club's delegates to State 4-H Congress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets to your club's theatre performance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An invitation to the county pool party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A news article listing the county fair ribbon winners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The logo your club designed for the county Fair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A thank you from the city for your club's work at the baseball field.



**Write a suitable caption for this photo.** Be sure to capture the who, what, when, where and why! \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your Club's History

Identify at least three activities your club has participated in. Write a short paragraph about each that can be transferred to your Historian Scrapbook Book.

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