

Marriage Webquest

Directions: Use the following Internet links to “hunt” for answers to the following questions about marriage. Write your responses on the study guide. Only ONE class period will be given to complete this webquest.



MARRIAGE - COMMON LAW

<http://video.about.com/marriage/Common-Law-Marriage-Requirements.htm>
<http://marriage.about.com/cs/commonlaw/ht/commonlaw.htm>

1. What is common law marriage?
2. What states recognize common law marriages?
3. What 4 elements must be present in order for common law marriage to occur?
4. Are common law marriages valid in all 50 states? Why or why not?
5. How are common law marriages ended?

MARRIAGE LAWS

Use <http://www.usmarriagelaws.com> to complete the chart below for the state of Iowa and one other state of your choice.

State	Iowa	
Age of consent		
Marriage license fee		
Waiting period		
Validity of license		
Require a blood test?		
Residency requirement		
Information needed for application		
Prohibited marriages		

RESOLVING MARRIAGE CONFLICT

http://www.marriagebuilders.com/graphic/mbi3550_summary.html

1. Describe how the “Love Bank” determines how couples
 - a. Fall in love
 - b. Stay in love
 - c. Fall out of love

REASONS TO NOT GET MARRIED

http://www.heartlight.org/together/tg_980603_10reasons.html

1. Read each reason carefully. Summarize what you have read by completing the acronym below:

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2. What is the most important marriage motivator?

COMPATIBILITY

<http://www.globalideasbank.org/site/bank/idea.php?ideaId=1009>

1. Read the 15 quiz questions.
2. If you are in a relationship, take the quiz. What was you and your partner's compatibility score?
3. If you are not in a relationship. What surprised you the most about the information you need to know about compatibility for marriage?

PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

Go to <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/prenuptial-agreement>

1. What is a prenuptial agreement?
2. What can you do with a prenuptial agreement?
3. What CAN'T you do with a prenuptial agreement?
4. If you don't have a prenuptial agreement and you divorce, how are things divided up?
5. If you were to marry, would you use a prenuptial agreement? Why or why not?

UNDERSTANDING MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS

<http://www.weddingusa.com/plan/underst.htm>

1. What are the four basic needs of all human beings?

KILLING A MARRIAGE

<http://marriage.about.com/cs/tips/qt/4killmarriage.htm>

1. Describe the four things that can kill a marriage.

WEDDING CUSTOMS

Go to <http://www.weddings.co.uk/> (Click on “Articles and Information”. Then select “Wedding Superstitions”)

1. Where did the wedding rhyme, “Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue,” originate? What does each line mean?
2. When proposing, what symbolized the marriage was doomed?
3. When proposing, what was a good omen?
4. When was the traditional white wedding dress started?
5. What was considered unlucky in regard to the wedding dress?
6. Why are bridesmaids dressed similar to the bride?

DIVORCE

<http://www.divorceinfo.com/mainissues.htm>

1. What makes divorce so difficult?
2. What are the four main issues in divorce?