

Using the *Register of Swiss Surnames*

Switzerland “How to” Guide, Beginning Level: Answer Key

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1. Using the *Register of Swiss Surnames*, do a search for the surname “Müller.” Notice that the surname has a lot of results. List three ways you can limit the results to a more manageable list:

Answers may include searching by canton, community, time period, or exact surname.

2. Search the surname “Rousseau” and answer the following questions:

In what communities do Rousseau individuals hold citizenship?	None
For whom does a biographical entry exist?	Jean-Jacques Rousseau 1712-1778

3. You are researching the family tree of the Swiss tennis player Roger Federer. List the five communities and cantons in which you’d start your search:

Berneck, Sankt Gallen (SG)
Eichberg, Sankt Gallen (SG)
Genève, Genève (GE)
Rorschach, Sankt Gallen (SG)
Veysonnaz, Valais (VS)

4. Choose the name of your favorite Swiss chocolate maker (i.e. Lindt, Cailler, Tobler, Frey, Sprüngli, etc. Where does the surname originate?

Answers will vary depending on surname