Simulation Activity Handout: Naming Conventions

Genealogical research can be extremely difficult around the world due to naming conventions. Play the AI in this activity where you see how much you can figure out about people based on their names. Names are in the first column, and the countries or languages are in the second column. Make an educated guess in the third column about something you can learn about them by their names. Also, how would you alphabetize?

Name	Origin	What can you learn?
Ba Kaung and Daw Mya Aye have a son called Saw Tin	Burmese (Myanmar)	
Many people are known as Wayan and Ni Luh	Balian, Indonesia	
Björn Jónsson's son is named Hafthór Björnsson	Icelandic	
Maria Zapatero and Juan Ávila have a son, José Ávila-Zapatero	Spanish-speaking cultures	
Aisha bint Abu Bakr's father does not have the same last name	Arabic	
Johannes Diderik van den Heuvel	Dutch	
Giannis Antetokounmpo	Nigerian / Greek	
Lee Chae-Yeong	Korean	
Many people have the same name, Singh	Punjab, India	