

Uncovering Your Roots: Genealogy Basics

Genealogy · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the primary focus of genealogy?

- A) The study of stars and planets
- B) The study of ancient languages
- C) The study of family history and ancestry**
- D) The study of plant life and growth

2. Which common document is often used to confirm a person's date and place of birth?

- A) A restaurant menu
- B) A birth certificate**
- C) A concert ticket
- D) A shopping list

3. What is another common term for a 'family tree'?

- A) A building blueprint
- B) A pedigree chart**
- C) A weather map
- D) A financial report

4. Which type of record typically lists all people living in a household at a specific point in time, useful for tracking families?

- A) Grocery receipts
- B) Census records**
- C) Library borrowing cards
- D) Movie tickets

5. In genealogy, what do you call a person from whom one is descended?

- A) A neighbor
- B) An ancestor**
- C) A stranger
- D) A colleague

6. Where might a genealogist look to find the burial location and dates for a deceased relative?

- A) A sports stadium
- B) Gravestones or cemetery records**
- C) A post office
- D) A bus station

7. What is a 'brick wall' in genealogical research?

- A) A physical wall made of bricks
- B) A point where research stops due to missing or unobtainable records**
- C) A decorative garden feature
- D) A type of cooking utensil

8. Which institution often holds a wealth of historical records like wills, deeds, and vital records?

- A) A fast-food restaurant
- B) A public library or archive**
- C) A car dealership
- D) A clothing store

9. What kind of information is typically found in an obituary?

- A) The day's weather forecast
- B) Details about a person's life, death, and funeral arrangements**
- C) Stock market prices
- D) Sports scores from local games

10. What does 'descendant' mean in the context of family history?

- A) A person who lives in a different country
- B) A person who comes after another in a family line**
- C) A person who designs houses
- D) A person who writes books