

Discovering Family Trees and Genealogy

Genealogy · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What is the main subject studied in genealogy?

- A) Rocks and minerals
- B) Family history and line of descent**
- C) Ocean life and coral reefs
- D) Stars and planets

2. What is a diagram that shows how members of a family are related across time called?

- A) Food web
- B) Family tree**
- C) Compass rose
- D) Venn diagram

3. What word describes a relative who lived in the past, such as a great-grandparent?

- A) Descendant
- B) Sibling
- C) Ancestor**
- D) Neighbor

4. What is an official government count of the population that records details about people and where they live?

- A) Census**
- B) Graduation
- C) Tournament
- D) Festival

5. In genealogy, what is a 'generation'?

- A) A tool used to measure earthquakes
- B) A stage in a family line, such as parents or children**
- C) A list of ancient historical books
- D) A rule about how to spell last names

6. What tiny molecule inside human cells carries genetic instructions passed down from parents?

- A) DNA**
- B) Vitamin C
- C) Oxygen
- D) Glucose

7. Where are valuable historical records, old maps, and family documents preserved?

- A) An archive**
- B) A greenhouse
- C) An aquarium
- D) A bakery

8. What official document created near a person's birth records their name, birth date, and parents' names?

- A) Library card
- B) Birth certificate**
- C) Passport photo
- D) Report card

9. Many last names come from historic jobs. What job did an ancestor with the surname 'Smith' historically do?

- A) Farming crops
- B) Metalworking or blacksmithing**
- C) Baking bread
- D) Sailing ships

10. What is the term for historical stories about a family passed down by word of mouth?

- A) Oral history**
- B) Silent history
- C) Digital history
- D) Print history

11. What visual design with symbols was historically used to represent a family or noble house?

- A) A coat of arms**
- B) A compass rose
- C) A postal stamp
- D) A road map

12. What is a person called in relation to their ancestors (such as a child or grandchild)?

- A) Ancestor
- B) Descendant**
- C) Pioneer
- D) Founder