Genealogy Basics

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1. What is a pedigree chart used to document in genealogy?

A) The weather on the day of birth
B) Direct ancestral lines
C) Favorite family recipes
D) DNA medical test results

2. Which term describes the study of a family's history and lineage?

A) Geology
B) Biology
C) Genealogy
D) Geography

3. What is the primary purpose of a family tree?

A) To track property taxes
B) To map out family relationships
C) To identify local weather patterns
D) To predict the future

4. Which document is typically the first record sought for an individual's birth date?

A) Birth certificate
B) Library card
C) School report card
D) Grocery receipt

5. In genealogy, what is an 'ancestor'?

A) A person from whom one is descended
B) A person who lives in a different country
C) A person who writes biographies
D) A person who builds houses

6. What is an 'obituary' in the context of family history?

A) A birth announcement
B) A death notice published in a newspaper
C) A marriage contract
D) A list of military medals

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7. Which of the following is commonly found on a marriage record?

A) The names of the spouses
B) The names of future children
C) The color of the wedding cake
D) The distance between their homes

8. A 'maiden name' refers to a woman's name before what event?

A) Graduation
B) Moving to a new city
C) Marriage
D) Starting a career

9. What does a 'census' record track?

A) The number of people living in a country
B) The number of trees in a forest
C) The price of gold
D) The speed of sound

10. Which type of record often contains names of parents and their children living in the same home?

A) A cookbook
B) A census record
C) A restaurant menu
D) A bank statement

11. What is a 'descendant'?

A) A person who lived 500 years ago
B) A person related to an ancestor
C) A person who works at a library
D) A person who has no living relatives

12. Which tool is commonly used to organize dates and names of family members?

A) A microscope
B) A telescope
C) A pedigree chart
D) A sewing machine

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