

# 22 Steps in Researching Your Family Tree

## Discovering Your Past Blog Series

### Step 4

#### **Student Notes:**

Step 4 - Become a member of an online ancestry website

- Becoming a member of an online ancestry website is a great way to research family history and connect with other genealogy enthusiasts.
- Create a family tree, which is a visual representation of your family history, showing relationships between different members of your family.
- Online ancestry websites offer access to millions of records, such as census records, birth and death records, marriage records, and military records.
- Many online ancestry websites have message boards, forums, and other social features that allow members to share information, ask questions, and collaborate on research projects.
- Some websites offer research guides, tutorials, and webinars to help you learn how to use the website and to get the most out of your research.
- Some websites offer DNA testing services, which can help you to connect with living relatives and to find out more about your ethnic origins.
- When choosing an online ancestry website, consider the type of membership options, cost, records and tools offered, and the quality of information available.
- Popular online ancestry websites include Ancestry.com, MyHeritage, FamilySearch, and Findmypast.

#### **Research and Homework for Step 4:**

Your task is research and go through the various online genealogy websites suggested in the blog and then select the best one for your goals and requirements to begin creating your family tree. I would personally become a member with a free account for 2 or 3 different websites to take advantage of the search features of the sites you have chosen.

## Quiz with 10 multiple choice questions about online ancestry websites

1. What is the first thing you should do when you become a member of an online ancestry website? A. Search for records B. Create your family tree C. Connect with other researchers D. Sign up for a paid membership
2. What is an interactive family tree? A. A tree with leaves that move when you hover over them B. A tree with pictures of your ancestors C. A visual representation of your family history D. A virtual reality experience of your family history
3. What is one of the most important benefits of online ancestry websites? A. Access to a vast collection of records B. Access to a social network C. Access to DNA testing services D. Access to a virtual reality experience of your family history
4. What can census records provide about your ancestors? A. Their names B. Their occupations C. Their dates of birth D. All of the above
5. What is one benefit of connecting with other researchers on an online ancestry website? A. Access to a social network B. Collaboration on research projects C. A virtual reality experience of your family history D. Access to DNA testing services
6. What kind of resources and tools do online ancestry websites offer? A. Research guides, tutorials, and webinars B. Virtual reality experiences C. Genealogical robots D. All of the above
7. What should you consider when choosing an online ancestry website? A. The type of membership options they offer and the cost B. The kind of records and tools each website offers C. The quality of the information available D. All of the above
8. What is one popular online ancestry website? A. Amazon B. Facebook C. Google D. Ancestry.com
9. What is MyHeritage? A. A popular genealogy website B. A type of tree C. A social media platform D. A virtual reality experience of your family history
10. What is FamilySearch? A. A free genealogy website B. A paid genealogy website C. A social media platform D. A virtual reality experience of your family history

***Answers will be given at the beginning of Step 5 Blog!***