



## Student Notes:

### **Step 9. Contact other relatives and descendants through ancestry website or a Genealogy forum**

Introduction:

- Genealogy research helps us learn about our ancestors and family history.
- Ancestry websites and genealogy forums make it easier to connect with other relatives and descendants who may have valuable information about our family history.
- In this note, we will discuss the strategy of contacting other relatives and descendants through genealogy websites and forums.

Ancestry Websites:

- Ancestry websites like Ancestry.com allow users to create family trees, search historical records, and connect with other users researching the same family lines.
- DNA testing feature helps connect with distant relatives who share the same DNA.
- Connecting with other relatives and descendants through ancestry websites can provide valuable insights and new leads to follow in your research.

Genealogy Forums:

- Genealogy forums are online communities where users can discuss their family history research and connect with others who share the same interests.
- Many genealogy forums are organized by geographic region, surname, or research interest.
- Genealogy forums can be a great place to connect with distant relatives who may be researching the same family lines.

### Tips for Contacting Other Relatives and Descendants:

- Be respectful: Remember that you are contacting real people who may be busy with their own lives. Be polite and respectful in your messages and give them time to respond.
- Provide information: When reaching out to other users, provide them with information about your research and what you are looking for. This will help them understand how they can assist you.
- Share your research findings: When connecting with other users, share your own research findings with them. This can lead to valuable insights and new leads to follow in your research.
- Be open to collaboration: Collaboration with others can be a powerful tool in genealogy research. Be open to working with other researchers and sharing information to help each other achieve your research goals.

### Strategies for Using Genealogy Forums:

- Search for forums related to your research interests or geographic region.
- Introduce yourself and explain your research interests.
- Ask specific questions to encourage other users to engage with your research.
- Respond to other users' posts and offer your own insights.
- Be respectful of other users' research and opinions.

### Strategies for Using Ancestry Websites:

- Search for users researching the same family lines or geographic regions.
- Send polite and respectful messages to other users.
- Share your family tree and research findings with other users.
- Use DNA testing to connect with distant relatives who share the same DNA.
- Be patient in waiting for responses from other users.

### Conclusion:

- Connecting with other relatives and descendants through genealogy websites and forums can be a valuable strategy in your family history research.
- Use these tips and strategies to make the most of your interactions with other users.
- By leveraging the power of technology and online communities, you can make exciting discoveries and piece together the puzzle of your family history.

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#### Quiz - Step 9. Contact other relatives and descendants through ancestry website or a Genealogy forum

1. What is the purpose of contacting other relatives and descendants through ancestry websites or genealogy forums?  
A. To share your research findings B. To connect with other users who may hold valuable information about your family history C. To sell your family history research D. None of the above
2. What are some benefits of using ancestry websites?  
A. Creating family trees B. Searching historical records C. Connecting with other users who may be researching the same family lines D. All of the above
3. What is the DNA testing feature on Ancestry.com?  
A. A feature that provides users with information about their ethnic background B. A feature that helps users connect with distant relatives who share the same DNA C. A and B D. None of the above
4. What are genealogy forums?  
A. Online communities where users can discuss their family history research B. Online stores that sell family history books C. Websites that provide users with information about their family history D. None of the above
5. What are some tips for contacting other relatives and descendants through ancestry websites or genealogy forums?  
A. Be respectful B. Provide information C. Share your research findings D. All of the above

6. What is the importance of sharing research findings when connecting with other users?
  - A. It can lead to valuable insights
  - B. It can lead to new leads to follow in your research
  - C. It can help others understand how they can assist you
  - D. All of the above
  
7. What is the importance of being open to collaboration when contacting other users?
  - A. Collaboration can be a powerful tool in genealogy research
  - B. Collaboration can lead to more complete picture of your family history
  - C. Collaboration can help each other achieve your research goals
  - D. All of the above
  
8. What is the purpose of genealogy forums?
  - A. To connect with other genealogists
  - B. To ask for help with research
  - C. To share information about your family history
  - D. All of the above
  
9. How can genealogy forums be organized?
  - A. By geographic region
  - B. By surname
  - C. By research interest
  - D. All of the above
  
10. What are some examples of genealogy forum websites?
  - A. Ancestry Message Boards
  - B. Genealogy.com Forums
  - C. Family Tree Forum
  - D. All of the above

## **Quiz Answers for Step 9**

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1. B
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. D
6. D
7. D
8. D
9. D
10. D