

Who is in My Family Tree ?

vocabulary sheet

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Ancestor: someone you are descended from—your parents' parents, their parents, and so on.

Archives: a collection of historical records and items.

Autobiography: a life story, told by that person.

Biography: the life story of someone, told by someone else.

Census: an official count of residents (who they are, where they live) taken at certain times, such as every 10 years.

Descendant: someone who comes from you—your children, and their children.

Emigrate: to move from a country or a place to start a new life in a new country or place.

Genealogy: a “mapping” of family members, from the farthest back ancestor to the living members of the family.

Generation: family members on the same “step” of family history (great-grandparents, grandparents, parents).

Head of Household: the adult responsible for a family group.

Immigrant: a person who enters a country to stay and live permanently.

Maiden name: surname of an unmarried woman, which may change at marriage.

Maternal: “from the mother.” Relatives on your maternal side are directly related to your mother.

Paternal: “from the father.” Relatives on your paternal side are directly related to your father.

Pedigree: a person’s record, in chart form, of parental and ancestral information.

Relatives: people who are directly related to you.

Sibling: a person’s brother or sister.

Spouse: a person’s husband or wife.

Surname: a person’s last or “family” name.