

# Genealogy A to Z: A Trivia Adventure

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Trivia contests seem to be all the rage now. But if you were ever a fan of the television show Jeopardy or the game Trivial Pursuit, here's a way to test your genealogy knowledge. With genealogy expert Thomas MacEntee as presenter, you can participate in a fun, fast paced, and educational genealogy trivia game. Every participant will receive a handout at the END of the adventure complete with genealogy trivia questions and answers!

## Genealogy Trivia Alphabetically

Here are genealogy and family history related terms and concepts you may or may not know!

- **A is for ...Archives**

What is the best ONLINE resource to locate archives with primary source materials in the United States, Canada, and Australia?

**ArchiveGrid**

<https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>

- **B is for ...Birth Records**

What is a Delayed Birth Certificate, and can it be used to secure a US Passport?

**US State Department Citizenship Evidence**

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/citizenship-evidence.html>

- **C is for ... Census**

When was the 1950 US Census released? And was there a searchable name index available when it was released?

**Family Search: 1950 United States Census—Release Date and Research Help**

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/1950-us-census-release-date/>

- **D is for ...Disasters**

What is the most common disaster in the United States impacting access to records for genealogy research?

**FamilySearch Burned Counties Research**

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Burned\\_Counties\\_Research](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Burned_Counties_Research)

- **E is for ... Evidence**

What is “evidence evaluation” or “evidence analysis” and why is it an important part of the GPS (Genealogical Proof Standard?)

**Evidence Explained QuickLesson 17: The Evidence Analysis Process Map**

<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-17-evidence-analysis-process-map>

- **F is for ...Female**

What is one of the best resources (book, website, record set) for locating female ancestors in the US?

***The Hidden Half of the Family*** by Christina Schaefer

<https://www.amazon.com/Hidden-Half-Family-Sourcebook-Genealogy/dp/0806315822>

- **G is for ... GPS**

What does “GPS” stand for in genealogy and what organization maintains the standards for GPS?

**Board for the Certification of Genealogists: Genealogical Proof Standard**

<https://bcgcertification.org/ethics-standards/>

- **H is for ...Handwriting**

What is the best resource for deciphering handwritten records used for genealogy research?

**FamilySearch: Handwriting Helps**

<https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/help/handwriting>

- **I is for ... Intellectual Property**

How do you determine whether a record – a vital record, a high school yearbook – is protected by copyright AND if you can still use the record for genealogy research?

**American Library Association Copyright Tools**

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/copyright-tools>

- **J is for ... Julian Calendar**

What is the “Julian Calendar” or “Old Calendar” and how does it impact genealogy research?

**FamilySearch: Julian and Gregorian Calendars**

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Julian\\_and\\_Gregorian\\_Calendars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Julian_and_Gregorian_Calendars)

- **K is for ... Kinship and Cousins**

What does “kith and kin” mean and are they blood relatives to your ancestors in terms of genealogy research?

**FamilySearch: Research a Family in Community Context**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Research\\_a\\_Family\\_in\\_Community\\_Context](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Research_a_Family_in_Community_Context)

- **L is for ...Lost and Found**

What method did Irish immigrants to the United States use to connect with families and relatives who had arrived earlier?

**Ancestry: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in “The Boston Pilot,” 1831-1920**

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5060/>

- **M is for ... Mortality Schedule**

What is a “mortality schedule” in certain United States Census records?

**United States Census Bureau: Mortality Schedules**

[https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other\\_resources/mortality\\_schedules.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/mortality_schedules.html)

- **N is for ... Naturalization**

In the United States what is the “naturalization process” and what records useful for genealogy are produced?

**National Archives & Records Administration: Naturalization Records**

<https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/naturalization>

- **O is for ... Occupation**

How do you find a description for an occupation, especially one from the 18th or 19th century?

**Family Researcher: Dictionary of Old Occupations: A-Z Index**

<https://www.familyresearcher.co.uk/glossary/Dictionary-of-Old-Occupations-Index.html>

- **P is for ... Plat Map or Plat Book**

How is a plat map or a plat book useful for genealogical research in the United States?

**Rockford Map: The History of Plat Books: Their Past, Present, and Future**

<https://rockfordmap.com/blog/2018/03/06/the-history-of-plat-books-their-past-present-and-future/>

- **Q is for ...Query**

What is a genealogy “query” and in what form can you find a genealogy query?

**Cyndi’s List: Queries & Message Boards**

<https://www.cyndislist.com/queries/>

- **R is for ... Return**

What is a marriage return and is it the same as a marriage certificate?

**Evidence Explained: A Marriage Record Is a Marriage Record Is a Marriage Record—Not!**

<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/quicktips/marriage-record-marriage-record-marriage-record%E2%80%94not>

- **S is for ... Social Security Death Index**

What is the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), how can it be accessed, and are the records reliable for use in genealogy research?

**Family Search: United States Social Security Administration Records**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United\\_States\\_Social\\_Security\\_Administration\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Social_Security_Administration_Records)

- **T is for ... Timelines**

How can a timeline help you with your genealogy research?

**Thought.co: Using Genealogy Timelines as Research Tools**

<https://www.thoughtco.com/genealogy-research-timelines-1422730>

- **U is for ...Unclaimed Mail Notice**

How can you use data from an Unclaimed Mail Notice for genealogy research? Does this notice have another name?

**Genealogy Bank: History of American Mail: Letters of Our Ancestors & the News**

<https://blog.genealogybank.com/history-of-american-mail-letters-of-our-ancestors-the-news.html>

- **V is for ... Vertical Files**

Why type of repositories hold “vertical files,” what information do they hold, and how did they get their name?

**MyHeritage: Loose Records: A Treasure Trove for Genealogists**

<https://education.myheritage.com/article/loose-records-a-treasure-trove-for-genealogists/>

- **W is for ...WorldCat**

What is WorldCat and how can it be used for genealogy research?

**WorldCat**

<https://www.worldcat.org/>

- **X is for ... X Marks the Spot**

What does it mean when there is an “X” in place of a signature?

**Paleography: Interpreting Handwriting in Genealogical Research**

<https://guides.loc.gov/paleography/signatures>

- **Y is for ... Yearbooks**

Are high school or college yearbooks useful for genealogy research? Are there other types of yearbooks?

**Family Tree Magazine (US): How to Find Old Yearbooks and School Records Online**

<https://familytreemagazine.com/records/other/find-yearbooks-school-records/>

- **Z is for ... ZIP Code**

What does the term ZIP in ZIP Code stand for? When and why were they created? Are they used in genealogy research?

**Library of Congress: ZIP Code Introduced**

<https://guides.loc.gov/this-month-in-business-history/july/zip-code-introduced>