

# Y-DNA Basics: the Paternal branch of your Tree

### Class Description

**Objective:** Understand Y-DNA and how it affects your genealogy

Lesson 1: Y-DNA Introduction (or Who's your Daddy?)

- DNA Basics
- Y-DNA and Testing types

Lesson 2: I Want to Test my Y-DNA - What do I do?

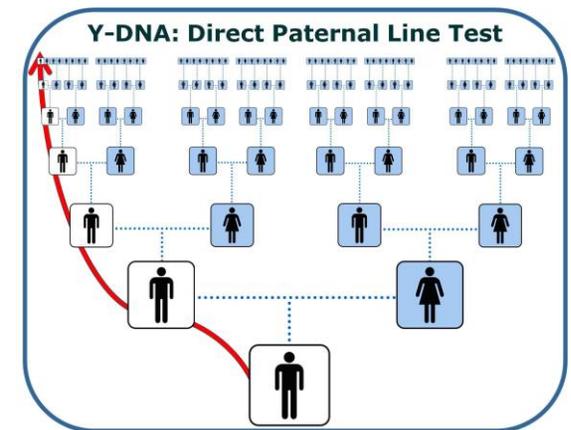
- Ordering and Taking the Test
- Results and what they mean
- Haplogroups and Surname Projects

Lesson 3: Tools for Men!

- What to do with my Results
- Surprises
- Y-Search, TIP and other Y-DNA Tools

**Recommended for:**

- Genealogists wanting to confirm a paternal line
- Families wanting to prove or disprove relationships



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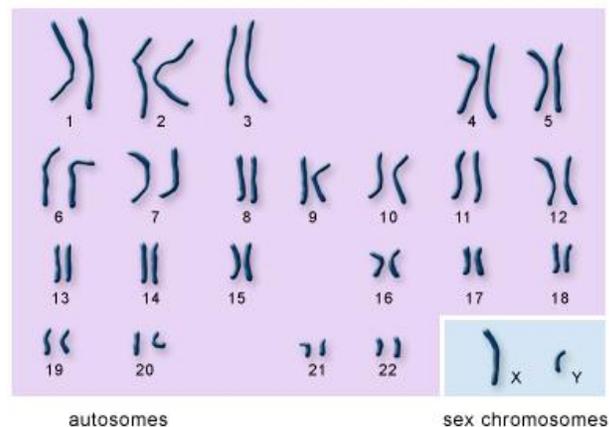
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This class will introduce you to Y-DNA and how it is used in genealogy. Y-DNA testing is the process of getting your Y-Chromosome results for comparing with other testers. The Y-DNA test offers males a clear path from you to a known or likely direct paternal ancestor(s). The course will also show how women can use the test by recruiting a father, brother, cousin or uncle to do the test.

Good genealogy is verified by an accurate paper trail; great genealogy is supported by DNA results.

This self-paced 3-week course will show you how to find other people who shared an ancestor on your (or another relative's) paternal line. It will introduce you to the results and tools that allow you to analyze your Y-DNA.



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### Prerequisites

- a Y-DNA test from FamilyTree DNA (optional)
- An internet connection
- A spreadsheet application (optional)
- Patience and determination
- Your gracious donation will help us develop new and improved tools.

Every penny goes towards the cost of hosting, storage, and development. You can send your PayPal donation to [paypal@dnaadoption.com](mailto:paypal@dnaadoption.com).

And, if you select “gift” or “send to family and friends” when sending your donation, PayPal will waive the fees for DNAAdoption.com -- and that means more funds are available to support the cause!)





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### Class Moderators



**Gale French**

Gale has been interested in genealogy for over 25 years. He has lived in Texas all his life and worked for IBM in the U.S. Space program at NASA's Johnson Space Center for 26 years and is now retired. His work with commercial imaging technology and document management has enhanced his genealogy organization and presentation.

He has researched and published a 600 page family history book on his grandmother's Elliott family line, that came from England to Texas, fought in the Texas Revolution and received land for their service. He is currently writing another book on his paternal line including numerous DNA tests for the French family (that include the dreaded 'NPE').

He presented at the 2014 Roots Tech conference in Salt Lake City and is scheduled to present again in February 2015. He recently received the Pioneers in Space Technical Achievement Award from the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



**Diane Harman-Hoog**

Diane is a retired systems analyst and senior IT manager for Microsoft, Novell and Boeing. Diane has been an entrepreneur with an eCommerce business, an online University and a consultant for small business marketing and website design.

She currently serves as the analyst for the team and developed the concept of the methodology to triangulate matches, posted on DNAadoption.com.

Diane is currently working as a partner with DNAGedcom.com to help define its product and scope, along with the opportunities to proceed in this new field.

As an experienced volunteer Search Angel and a professional genealogist, she has been researching DNA data and finding genealogical and biological connections through that research.



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### Recommended Tools and Resources

#### *Software*

- **Spreadsheet software** to track your results (optional)
- **Genealogy application** to build trees
- **Adobe Acrobat Reader** - Our classes are in the PDF format. To open these files, please download [Adobe Reader](#) if you do not already have it

#### *Websites and Resources*

- [FamilyTree DNA](#) to order and find your results or to check surname results
- [DNAAdoption.com](#) for methodology and documentation
- [DNAGedcom.com](#) [What can you do on DNAGedcom?](#)



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### About DNAAdoption.com

#### *Purposes*

In 2012, DNAGedcom.com was born under the direction of Rob Warthen, an IT professional and a Director of Product Development for an information technology solutions firm.

Volunteers noticed a need for tools and instructions to interpret the results of DNA tests for genealogical guidance. [DNAGedcom.com](http://DNAGedcom.com) is the site which contains specially-developed tools and utilities to help you analyze and organize the results from DNA tests. [DNAAdoption](http://DNAAdoption.com) was founded by Rob Warthen and is now its own entity with non-profit status, providing documentation and resources for adoptees

All of these resources are available to you at no charge! The development team strongly believes that everyone has a right to their biological background. DNAGedcom.com and DNAAdoption.com are both volunteer-supported and funded.

#### *Goal*

The goal is to reduce the human involvement in extracting, measuring the data, and to provide software for solutions for DNA matching. The tools on the site will help determine relationships, expand family trees and provide additional metrics and comparisons not now available to the user.

#### *Team*

Our team consists of those experienced in DNA analysis, genetic genealogy, research, software programming and website development. Please feel free to contact us with any questions concerning DNAAdoption at [moodle@dnaadoption.com](mailto:moodle@dnaadoption.com) or DNAGedcom at [support2@dnagedcom.com](mailto:support2@dnagedcom.com)



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### About DNAAdoption.com

Success in using DNA is now becoming a more common event, especially for adoptees. A new world of adoptee searching is gaining momentum, and we expect we will also see new discoveries in the world of genealogy, as well.

[DNAAdoption.com](http://DNAAdoption.com) serves as the repository for documentation. You'll find an ever-growing library of information about DNA testing, analyzing and triangulating your DNA results, success stories, tips and tricks, etc. Our main goal is to give you the information you need to find your unknown ancestors.

The site's main document is the "Methodology," which provides a framework for working with DNA test results, tools and utilities, as well as conducting genealogy searches using tried and true methods.

All material is constantly being developed, revised and updated as new developments in DNA research are discovered. You can contact us about DNAAdoption.com at [moodle@dnaadoption.com](mailto:moodle@dnaadoption.com)

