

Need another word that means the same as “ancestry”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “ancestry” in this overview.

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Ancestry as a Noun

Definitions of "Ancestry" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ancestry” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The descendants of one individual.*
- *Inherited properties shared with others of your bloodline.*
- *The evolutionary or genetic line of descent of an animal or plant.*
- *The origin or background of something.*
- *One's family or ethnic descent.*



Synonyms of "Ancestry" as a noun (21 Words)

ancestors

Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent).

antecedents

The referent of an anaphor; a phrase or clause that is referred to by an anaphoric pronoun.

blood

The fluid red in vertebrates that is pumped through the body by the heart and contains plasma blood cells and platelets.

Blood carries oxygen and nutrients to the tissues and carries away waste products.

blood line

Temperament or disposition.

bloodline

Ancestry of a purebred animal.

*The survival of a legitimate royal **bloodline**.*

derivation

The act of deriving something or obtaining something from a source or origin.

*Singer from sing or undo from do are examples of **derivations**.*

descent	Properties attributable to your ancestry. <i>A descent on the Channel ports.</i>
filiation	The kinship relation between an individual and the individual's progenitors. <i>The filiation of many of his ideas from those developed by Carpenter.</i>
forebears	A person from whom you are descended.
forefathers	The founder of a family. <i>Keep the faith of our forefathers.</i>
genes	A segment of DNA that is involved in producing a polypeptide chain; it can include regions preceding and following the coding DNA as well as introns between the exons; it is considered a unit of heredity. <i>Genes were formerly called factors.</i>
genetics	The study of heredity and the variation of inherited characteristics. <i>The effects of family genetics on the choice of career.</i>
line	Each of usually five horizontal lines forming a stave in musical notation. <i>A line block.</i>
line of descent	Something (as a cord or rope) that is long and thin and flexible.
lineage	The number of lines in a piece of printed material. <i>Great families and their lineages.</i>
origin	A fixed point from which coordinates are measured. <i>His theory of the origin of life.</i>
parentage	The kinship relation of an offspring to the parents. <i>A boy of Jamaican parentage.</i>
pedigree	A pure-bred animal. <i>A spaniel of distinguished pedigree.</i>
progenitors	An ancestor in the direct line.
stemma	A recorded genealogy of a family; a family tree.
stock	A portion of a company's stock as held by an individual or group as an investment. <i>Stock shortages.</i>



Usage Examples of "Ancestry" as a noun

- *He was proud of his Irish ancestry.*
- *The ancestry of the rose is extremely complicated.*
- *The book traces the ancestry of women's poetry.*



Associations of "Ancestry" (30 Words)

ancestor

An early version of a machine, system, etc.
*The **ancestor** of most dolphins is not clear.*

ancestral

Of, belonging to, or inherited from an ancestor or ancestors.
*The family's **ancestral** home.*

antecedent

Denoting or counting as an antecedent.
*Phrenology was an **antecedent** of modern neuroscience.*

ascendant

Rising in power or influence.
*Rooted and **ascendant** strength like that of foliage.*

birthright

Personal characteristics that are inherited at birth.
*She saw a liberal education as the **birthright** of every child.*

clan

A close-knit group of interrelated families, especially in the Scottish Highlands.
*New York's garrulous **clan** of artists.*

ewe	A female sheep.
family	A group of people related by blood or marriage. <i>The message was addressed not just to employees but to every member of the company family.</i>
fleece	A representation of a fleece suspended from a ring. <i>A reversible fleece jacket.</i>
forebear	A person from whom you are descended. <i>Generations of his forebears had lived in London.</i>
forefather	A member of the past generations of one's family or people; an ancestor. <i>The forefathers of modern British socialism.</i>
genealogy	Successive generations of kin. <i>The genealogies of the kings of Mercia.</i>
genetic	Of or relating to the science of genetics. <i>There are fears that genetic techniques could be abused.</i>
hometown	The town (or city) where you grew up or where you have your principal residence. <i>He never went back to his hometown again.</i>
hominoid	Relating to hominoid primates.
inbreeding	The breeding of closely related people or animals, especially over many generations. <i>Persistent inbreeding has produced an unusually high frequency of sufferers from this disease.</i>
kinship	(anthropology) relatedness or connection by blood or marriage or adoption. <i>Felt a deep kinship with the other students.</i>
<u>lineage</u>	The kinship relation between an individual and the individual's progenitors. <i>A Dutch nobleman of ancient lineage.</i>
lineal	In a direct line of descent or ancestry. <i>Lineal heirs.</i>
mulatto	A person of mixed white and black ancestry, especially a person with one white and one black parent.
parentage	The kinship relation of an offspring to the parents. <i>This ice cream boasts American parentage.</i>
patrimony	Valued things passed down from previous generations; heritage. <i>Owners refuse to part with their patrimony in the interests of agricultural development.</i>
<u>pedigree</u>	The recorded ancestry or lineage of a person or family. <i>They are looking for animals with pedigrees.</i>

primogenitor An ancestor in the direct line.

progenitor A person or thing from which a person, animal, or plant is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent.
*The **progenitor** of modern jazz.*

pure Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black.
*An outcome which may be a matter of **pure** chance.*

purebred A pedigreed animal of unmixed lineage; used especially of horses.

thoroughbred A horse of a thoroughbred breed.
*Some riders will only buy **thoroughbred** horses.*

unmixed Not mixed.
*Not an **unmixed** blessing.*

