

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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**The synonyms of “Ancestry” are: derivation, filiation, lineage, blood, blood line, bloodline, descent, line, line of descent, origin, parentage, pedigree, stemma, stock, ancestors, forebears, forefathers, progenitors, antecedents, genetics, genes**

## **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**.*

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

<b><u>ancestor</u></b>	An early version of a machine, system, etc. <i>The <b>ancestor</b> of most dolphins is not clear.</i>
<b>ancestral</b>	Of, belonging to, or inherited from an ancestor or ancestors. <i>The family's <b>ancestral</b> home.</i>
<b><u>antecedent</u></b>	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Phrenology was an <b>antecedent</b> of modern neuroscience.</i>
<b>ascendant</b>	Rising in power or influence. <i>Rooted and <b>ascendant</b> strength like that of foliage.</i>
<b>birthright</b>	Personal characteristics that are inherited at birth. <i>She saw a liberal education as the <b>birthright</b> of every child.</i>
<b><u>clan</u></b>	A close-knit group of interrelated families, especially in the Scottish Highlands. <i>New York's garrulous <b>clan</b> of artists.</i>

<b>ewe</b>	A female sheep.
<b>family</b>	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 <b>family</b>.</i>
<b>fleece</b>	A representation of a fleece suspended from a ring. <i>A reversible <b>fleece</b> jacket.</i>
<b>forebear</b>	A person from whom you are descended. <i>Generations of his <b>forebears</b> had lived in London.</i>
<b>forefather</b>	A member of the past generations of one's family or people; an ancestor. <i>The <b>forefathers</b> of modern British socialism.</i>
<b>genealogy</b>	Successive generations of kin. <i>The <b>genealogies</b> of the kings of Mercia.</i>
<b>genetic</b>	Of or relating to the science of genetics. <i>There are fears that <b>genetic</b> techniques could be abused.</i>
<b>hometown</b>	The town (or city) where you grew up or where you have your principal residence. <i>He never went back to his <b>hometown</b> again.</i>
<b>hominoid</b>	Relating to hominoid primates.
<b>inbreeding</b>	The breeding of closely related people or animals, especially over many generations. <i>Persistent <b>inbreeding</b> has produced an unusually high frequency of sufferers from this disease.</i>
<b>kinship</b>	(anthropology) relatedness or connection by blood or marriage or adoption. <i>Felt a deep <b>kinship</b> with the other students.</i>
<b>lineage</b>	The kinship relation between an individual and the individual's progenitors. <i>A Dutch nobleman of ancient <b>lineage</b>.</i>
<b>lineal</b>	In a direct line of descent or ancestry. <i><b>Lineal</b> heirs.</i>
<b>mulatto</b>	A person of mixed white and black ancestry, especially a person with one white and one black parent.
<b>parentage</b>	The kinship relation of an offspring to the parents. <i>This ice cream boasts American <b>parentage</b>.</i>
<b>patrimony</b>	Valued things passed down from previous generations; heritage. <i>Owners refuse to part with their <b>patrimony</b> in the interests of agricultural development.</i>
<b>pedigree</b>	The recorded ancestry or lineage of a person or family. <i>They are looking for animals with <b>pedigrees</b>.</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.*

