



## Learn More About DNA for Genealogy

### Read this book!

*The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, by Blaine Bettinger, about \$20 from Amazon; and usually also available from the VCGS Sales Table. It is a great overview of the subject matter.

### Attend Ventura County Genealogical Society's DNA Special Interest Group

The VCGS DNA SIG meets on 3rd Saturday mornings before our general meetings at 10:30 am at the Camarillo Library Community Room. (The DNA SIG does not meet in October and December.)

### Come to our DNA small-group consultations

Limited to 4 attendees, these groups are held 2nd Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, upstairs at the Camarillo Library in a study room. You may want to email in advance to reserve a seat - [webkeeper@venturacogensoc.org](mailto:webkeeper@venturacogensoc.org)

### Talk to a VCGS library volunteer

There is a DNA mentor at the library on Monday mornings (10 am to noon), upstairs at the Camarillo Library near the reference desk. Call the reference desk before coming to make sure he is there.

### Consult the DNA section of our web site

There is a great list of resources for beginners there. Google "Ventura County Genealogical Society" or go to [www.venturacogensoc.org](http://www.venturacogensoc.org) and select the DNA option in the left menu.

### Join the "DNA Newbie" discussion group on Facebook.com

You can post your questions there and DNA experts will answer them. The URL is as follows: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dnanewbie/>  
There are also discussion groups in RootsWeb and more specialized groups in FaceBook for specific sub-topics such as adoption searches, 3rd party tools, etc.

There are also DNA Special Interest Groups in neighboring genealogical societies that meet regularly, such as the Southern California Genealogical Society, Conejo Valley Genealogical Society, Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, and San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society. Visit their web sites to find out when they meet.

### Comparison of Major DNA Testing Companies

|                                      | AncestryDNA                          | FTDNA                                    | 23andMe         | MyHeritage                                  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Database size</b>                 | 15,000,000+                          | 1,000,000+                               | 10,000,000+     | 3,000,000+                                  |
| <b>Regular Price</b>                 | \$99                                 | \$79                                     | \$99            | \$79                                        |
| <b>Chromosome Browser</b>            | No                                   | Yes                                      | Yes             | Yes                                         |
| <b>Ethnicity Estimates</b>           | Reliable                             | Least Reliable                           | Most Reliable   | Reliable                                    |
| <b>Tree-DNA Integration</b>          | Good                                 | Some                                     | Beta            | Good                                        |
| <b>Shared Matches</b>                | Yes                                  | Yes                                      | If Shared       | Yes                                         |
| <b>Medical Reports</b>               | Yes (\$149)                          | Yes (\$49 add-on)                        | Yes (\$199)     | Yes (\$199)                                 |
| <b>Subscription?</b>                 | Recommended                          | No                                       | No              | Recommended                                 |
| <b>Top Reason To Test Here First</b> | General genealogy, unknown parentage | Recent non-USA ancestry, elderly testees | Medical reports | General genealogy, Recent European ancestry |