

# DNA Do-Over 2018 Schedule of Topics

Here is the list of topics to be covered during the DNA Do-Over beginning in January 2018. As you review the topics please keep these things in mind:

- This is a curated list based on research of current DNA topics and issues and with the input of DNA expert Mary Eberle.
- The list is representative of core areas of aptitude required for basic successful understanding of DNA testing and how to use it for genealogy research. Your mileage may differ . . . meaning that your specific research projects may warrant different areas of concentration in terms of skill building.
- Participants and viewers may agree or disagree with the topics or the order of the topics; feel free to add or remove topics that you feel are not relevant to your specific research projects.
- Each month, a post will appear at Abundant Genealogy covering the DNA Do-Over topics. Posts will include tips, advice and resources. Each week at the **DNA Do-Over Facebook Group** we will review issues related to the monthly topic via interactive online discussions.

## DNA Do-Over Facebook Group and More

An interactive collaborative community for the DNA Do-Over has been created on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dnadoover/>. Those hoping to participate in the DNA Do-Over are encouraged to join. Just like the entire DNA Do-Over program, there is no fee or “upcharge” for this collaborative environment.

## DNA Do-Over Topics

### Month 1: January 2018:

#### **Downloading your DNA Test Results and Uploading to Other DNA Vendor sites**

- The importance of downloading your DNA test results; file formats; backing up data
- Uploading your DNA test results to other DNA testing sites - why you should do this and how to do it!
- Which DNA testing sites allow uploading of DNA test results and which don't

### Month 2: February 2018

#### **Autosomal DNA - What You Can Do with the Data**

- Why testing Autosomal DNA FIRST is important
- How to determine how much Autosomal DNA you share
- Determine Autosomal DNA matches and sorting your matches

### **Month 3: March 2018**

#### **Y-DNA, mtDNA and X-DNA Tests - And What You Can Do with the Data**

- What is X-DNA and how to use it to understand Autosomal DNA matches
- What is Y-DNA and how to use it
- What is mtDNA and how to use it

### **Month 4: April 2018**

#### **DNA Lingo: SNPs, centiMorgans, and Haplogroups, Oh My!**

- A basic glossary of DNA terminology
- Breaking down the "science" of DNA and how it can help genealogy research.

### **Month 5: May 2018**

#### **DNA and Relationships: What Can You Believe?**

- Understand the different types of cousins and other relatives
- Are the relationship categories accurate?
- Testing multiple siblings
- Which DNA test can help sort out two possible mothers, fathers, grandmothers etc.

### **Month 6: June 2018**

#### **Connecting and Communicating with DNA Matches**

- The best way to locate matches and the best way to connect.
- How to get new DNA testers to connect and look for matches.

### **Month 7: July 2018**

#### **Setting Up and Administering DNA Projects; Family Reunions and DNA Testing**

- What is a DNA Family Project and which sites are best for administering large and small projects?
- How do I get other relatives to do a DNA test?

### **Month 8: August 2018**

#### **DNA and Health Testing - What's It Worth?**

- What health information can I learn from DNA testing? And is accurate?
- How can health information via DNA testing impact my descendants and other family members?
- Which companies offer health testing via DNA tests?

### **Month 9: September 2018**

#### **Using Third Party Tools for DNA (GEDMatch, DNA Gedcom's DNA Client & Autosomal DNA Segment Analyzer); DNA Education**

- What are the best third-party DNA tools and how do they work?
- Is it worth paying for a third-party DNA tool?
- How can I expand my DNA knowledge through education?

### **Month 10: October 2018**

#### **Ethnicity Estimates; Other DNA testing companies and making smart buying decisions**

- Are ethnicity estimates accurate? How far back do they go?
- Are there certain DNA testing companies to avoid? Are there new DNA testing companies offering new or different services?
- How to compare DNA tests and shop smart

### **Month 11: November 2018**

#### **Additional DNA Testing - What Should I Do Next?**

- Beyond Autosomal DNA testing - why should I test Y-DNA and/or mtDNA?
- Should I hire a DNA expert or company to help with my DNA research?

### **Month 12: December 2018**

#### **Privacy and DNA**

- What are the privacy policies for each DNA testing company and how do they differ?
- How is my DNA testing data being used by DNA testing companies and third-parties?
- How can I protect my privacy when testing DNA?