MyHeritageDNA
Genetic Genealogy Quick Start
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☐ Separate your matches into your father's side of the family and your mother's side of the family denoting the sides by clicking the star orange and/or a color dot.

Use the star and/or color dots to denote family side and create other groups.

- *Shared Match* - Do you know a match? Mark them with a color dot denoting mother's or father's side
- *Shared Match* of *Shared* Match - All this match's shared matches mark as on the same side.
- Use the Dot chart to keep yourself organized.
- Use the *Chromosome Browser* to verify connections and make further connections to your mother's and father's sides.

Now you can filter your matches by the default parent side and/or your custom groups using the dots.

☐ Create a tree.

- Upload a gedcom or manually create a tree.
- Assign the DNA kit to a person in that tree.
- Add the sources to verify your facts.
- Clean up your tree.
- Check all your entries and settings to be sure your tree and DNA kit are safe.
- Use SmartMatching™ and InstantDiscoveries™ carefully manually using the hints rather than letting them autofill to your tree.

Now MyHeritage can automatically identify possible matches in *Theory of Family Relativity*™

☐ Work your paper trail forward to link with living DNA.

- Manually enter information into your tree, from your shared matches' trees, SmartMatching™ and InstantDiscoveries™
- VERIFY and extending sources.
- Contact tree owners asking to can join their MyHeritage family website to keep mutually share.
- Make notes and use the dots to organize your connections. The notes show up in the AutoClusters lists.
- Use the AutoClusters tool to make connection among your DNA matches. Be sure you have made notes as you were dotting the sides as these notes help you while using AutoClusters.

Your MyHeritage tree now is bigger and includes confirmed DNA connections between and among many matches noted in your *AutoClusters* and *Theory of Family Relativity*™ information and then organized and cross referenced with dots, notes, and comments.

☐ Go beyond Shared Matches and *AutoClusters* to *Theory of Relativity*™ and *cM Explainer*™

- Continue to update your tree with information from your matches' trees and your own research thereby creating *Theory of Relativity*™ paths to adding sources to VERIFY!
- Work from the *Theory of Relativity*™ *paths* back to the matches in your trees.
- The the *cM Explainer*™ to narrow down connection options and visualize the possible connections.
- Google Search and Facebook search for post-1950 information.
- Cross-reference DNA kits from other companies
- Create cloaked trees for the hard to figure out matches.

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