

Family History TV Shows Worth Watching

Finding Your Roots, hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
On PBS. Number of Seasons: 8



In "Finding Your Roots," the Harvard professor continues his quest to "get into the DNA of American culture." In each episode, celebrities view ancestral histories, sometimes learn of connections to famous/infamous people, discover secrets, and share the emotional experience with viewers. Analyzing genetic code, DNA diagnosticians trace bloodlines and occasionally debunk long-held beliefs. Ancestry.com sponsors this show and does a lot of the record research and DNA research.

Long Lost Family, hosted by Chris Jacobs and Lisa Joyner
On TLC. Number of Seasons: 6



Having embarked on their own journeys to discover their biological families, TV personalities Chris Jacobs and Lisa Joyner help others try to track down loved ones. Each episode features two emotional stories of people who have suffered a lifetime of separation and are yearning to be reunited with their birthparents and biological families or find children they had to give up for adoption long ago. In addition to providing emotional support and guidance, Chris and Lisa conduct painstaking searches through public records and utilize current DNA technology in their search for answers. The things they discover and who they find are anything but expected.

Relative Race, hosted by Dan Debenham
On KBYU TV. Number of Seasons: 9

Family history comes to life in this exciting reality competition series hosted by Dan Debenham. Four teams compete in a 10-day cross-country road trip to find their long-lost relatives and win a \$50,000 grand prize.

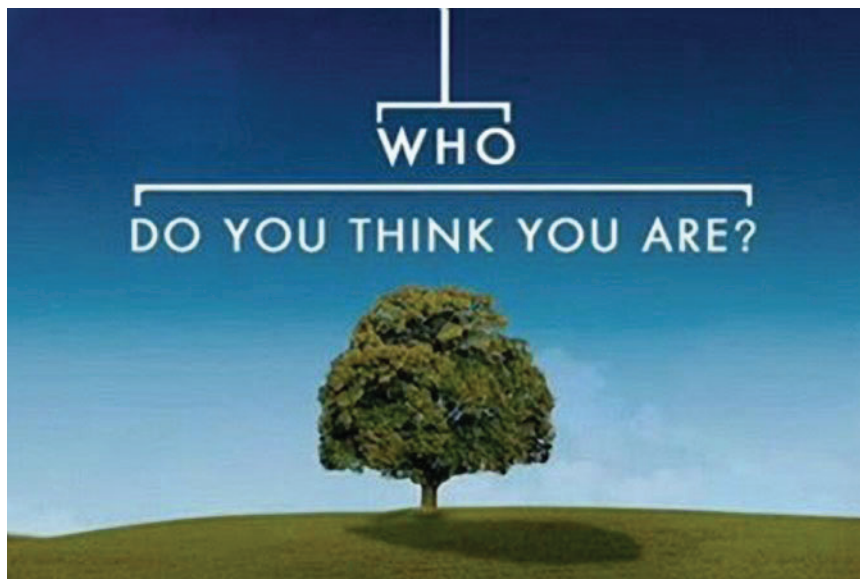
Every day on the race is filled with twists, turns, and life-changing reunions. Only one team can win, but each team gains something far more valuable than money: the knowledge of who they are and the joy of finding their family.



Who Do You Think You Are?

On TLC and NBC. Number of seasons: 10

In each episode, accompany a celebrity on a journey to archives and ancestral hometowns. The American version of “Who Do You Think You Are?” is modeled after the British show of the same name. While this show has aired on TLC since 2013, season 11 will return to NBC on a to-be-announced date.



Other BYUtv series

The Generations Project

Secrets come out in this BYUtv series. It follows everyday people as they research their ancestors to solve family mysteries—discovering keys to their own identities in the process. Watch for free on the BYUtv website.

Ancestors

This 23-episode series from BYUtv explores family history records from around the globe, weaving expert genealogy how-to with moving personal stories. You’ll learn about doing genealogy research and get inspired. Watch for free at BYUtv.