# Will Young reveals royal connection to King Edward I on Who Do You Think You Are?



In a surprising revelation during the latest episode of the BBC's acclaimed genealogy programme *Who Do You Think You Are?*, singer Will Young discovered his unexpected lineage to King Edward I, who ruled England from 1272 to 1307. The episode, aired on 3 June, provided Young with a glimpse into his family history, including details about his grandfather, whom he never met as he passed away before Young's birth. Upon learning about his royal connection, Young quipped, “Being related to a king, will it change my behaviour? The short answer is yes. Yes, it will. What you are beholding is essentially a future despot,” showcasing his characteristic charm and humour even amidst such significant historical insights.

This is not an isolated incident, as the show has consistently unveiled connections between celebrities and historical figures. In a previous episode featuring comedian Josh Widdicombe, viewers were treated to his own royal lineage, which connected him to King Henry VIII and King Edward I. Widdicombe’s episode stirred excitement, prompting discussions on social media as audiences expressed their astonishment at the intertwining of history and celebrity. He remained unfazed by his discoveries, maintaining that they did not alter his personal identity or sense of humour, despite his newfound royal connections.

Such revelations are increasingly common on *Who Do You Think You Are?*, with experts noting that many individuals may unknowingly share ancestry with prominent historical figures. This phenomenon is further highlighted by instances like that of actor Danny Dyer, who famously traced his roots back to Edward III and William the Conqueror, reaffirming the notion that royal heritage may be more prevalent than one might think. The frequency with which celebrities uncover noble connections has led to extensive discussions around the genealogical intricacies and the accessibility of tracing ancestry.

Overall, the fascination surrounding royal lineage and heritage continues to captivate audiences, as evidenced by Young's heartfelt and humorous reflection on his newfound identity. *Who Do You Think You Are?* remains a popular platform for exploring these connections, allowing viewers to engage with history in a personal and relatable manner, while emphasising the surprising commonalities that exist within the vast tapestry of ancestral lines.

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5. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-59041055> - An article from 1 November 2021 discusses how many people are unknowingly related to royalty. It highlights instances from the TV show 'Who Do You Think You Are?' where celebrities like Josh Widdicombe and Danny Dyer discovered their royal ancestry. Experts suggest that, given the extensive number of descendants over generations, it's more common than expected for individuals to find royal connections in their family trees.
6. <https://www.radiotimes.com/tv/entertainment/why-danny-dyers-right-royal-who-do-you-think-you-are-is-the-best-one-ever/> - An article from 2016 discusses Danny Dyer's appearance on 'Who Do You Think You Are?', where he discovered his royal lineage, including connections to Thomas Cromwell, Edward III, William the Conqueror, and Henry III. The piece highlights the significance of these findings and reflects on the impact of such revelations on the celebrities involved.
7. <https://www.tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Series/WhoDoYouThinkYouAre> - A page on TV Tropes discussing the 'Who Do You Think You Are?' series, noting that a surprisingly high number of celebrities turn out to have royal ancestry. Examples include Ryan Tubridy being descended from Edward III, Sir Matthew Pinsent from God, Alexander Armstrong from William the Conqueror, and Danny Dyer from Edward III. The page also mentions that the show has featured 100 episodes over 10 years.