

Aebleskiver Plunderschnect

This game was designed to be a fun way for young people to become familiar with a pedigree chart and a few basic concepts of genealogy in 15-20 minutes. Change it, expand it, improve it, put your own family names in it and use it at a family reunion, play the game by yourself—Enjoy!

Object

Be the first person (or team) to complete Aebleskiver Plunderschnect's pedigree chart

Components

- 19 Person Cards—cards w/a name and a hint about where the person fits on the chart
- Pedigree chart answer key for the game moderator
- Copies of the Aebleskiver Plunderschnect's blank pedigree with pencils
- Prizes for winning or completing

Game Play

- Distribute ALL Person Cards & copied blank pedigrees w/pencils to players or teams
- Explain the game and then GO!
 - Be the first to complete Aebleskiver's pedigree chart
 - Each player has a person card (or cards) that represents a person that fits somewhere on the pedigree chart
- Following the game, lead a discussion on what players learned through playing the game
- Award prizes for winners/completers

Game Moderator Hints

- You may want to help the players along as they get discouraged by telling them...
 - Each Person Card has a relationship hint to help players discover where the person on the card fits on the pedigree chart
 - There is enough information in the room to complete the chart
 - Players will need to work with other players to complete the chart
 - Everyone on the chart has a full name, even if each individual card doesn't
 - There are more cards than spaces on the pedigree chart, so another player may have a card for the same person on the chart
 - Names may be spelled differently on different cards

Possible Discussion Points

- Doing genealogy can be fun
- Pedigree charts and how they work are not that hard to understand
- It's important to work with others and share what you know
- Genealogy can be hard to start, but gets easier as you do it
- There can be duplicates, mistakes, and ambiguity in genealogy, but it's all part of solving the mystery; closing the case
- Challenge players to go fill out their own 4 generation chart or find one already completed for their family and validate it