



Genealogy

Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.

You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Scouts BSA Requirements (Pub. 33216 – SKU 653801).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2006 • This workbook was updated in June 2020.

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

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1. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.

Genealogy:

Ancestor:

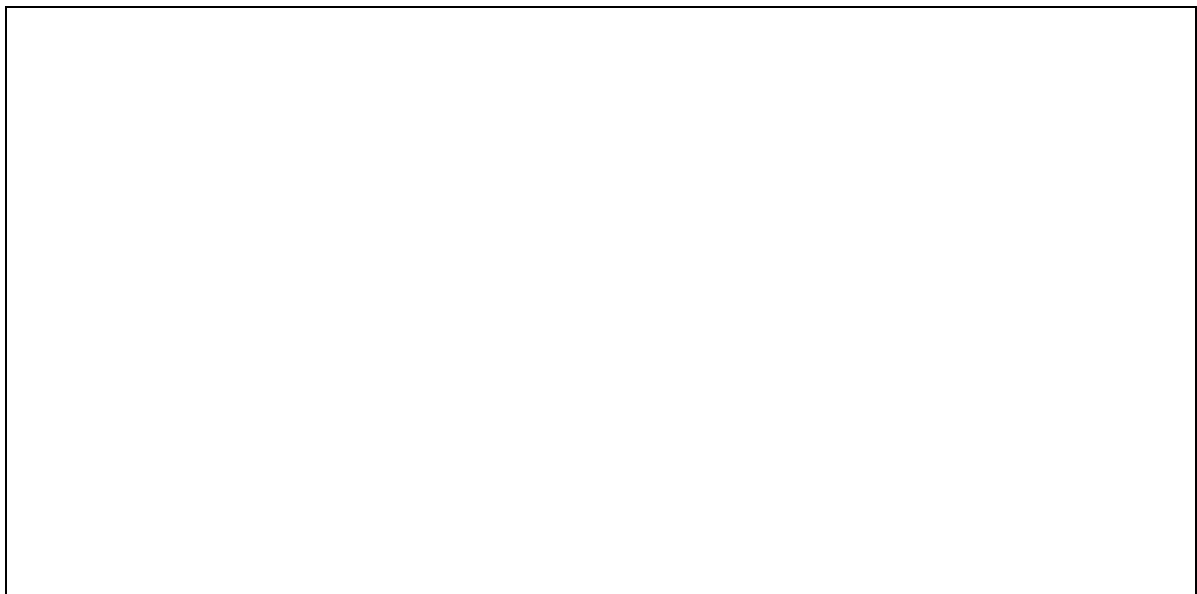
Descendant:

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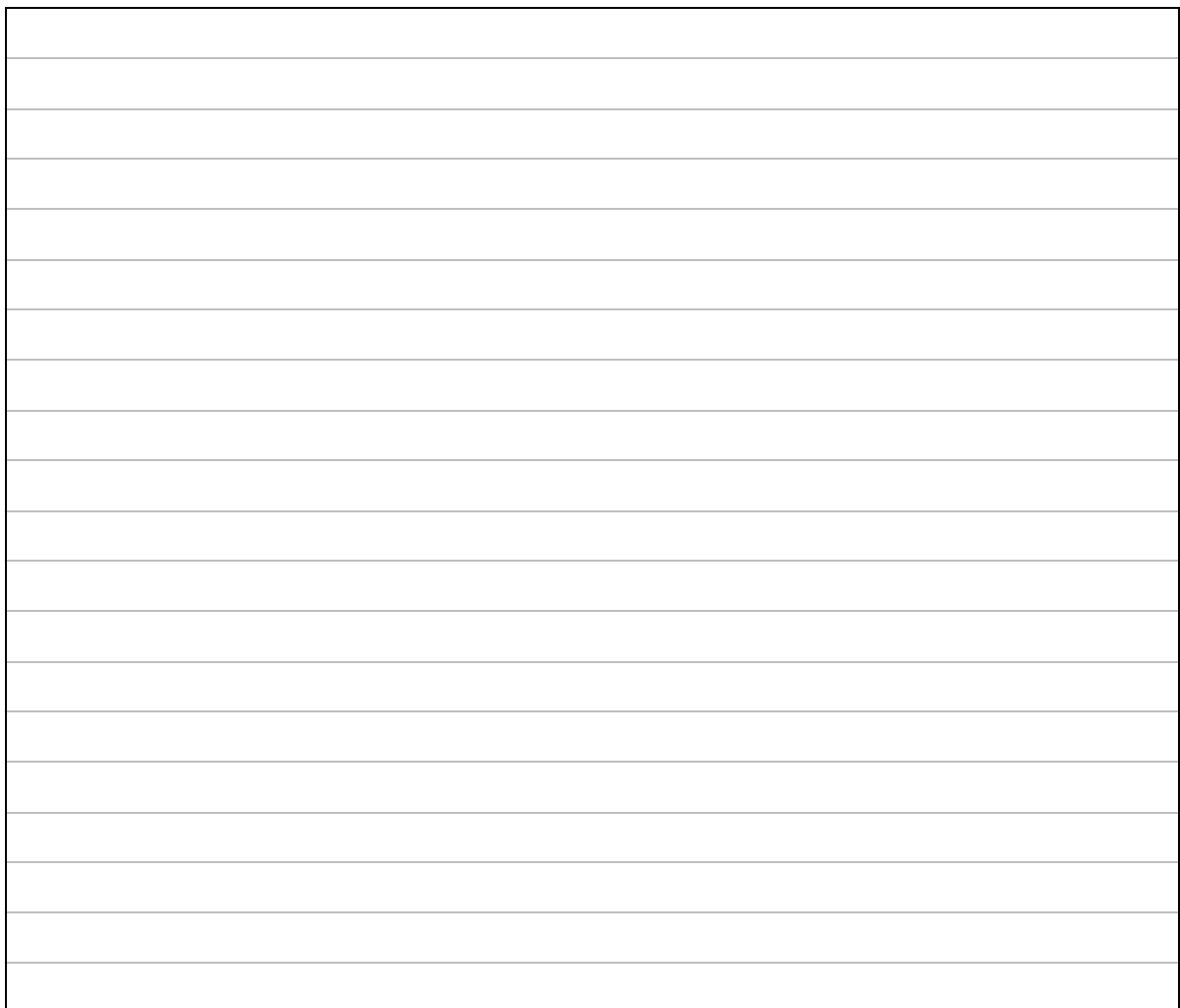
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2. Do ONE of the following:

a. Do a time line for yourself or for a relative.



Then write a short biography based on that time line.



b. Keep a journal for 6 weeks. You must write in it at least once a week.

3. With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by e-mail or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.

4. Do the following:
- a. Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.

1.		
2.		
3.		

- b. Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record. The document could be found at home or at a government office, religious organization, archive, or library.
- c. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b.

5. Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions.
- a. A genealogical or lineage society
 - b. A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research)
 - c. A surname organization, such as your family's organization
 - d. A genealogical education facility or institution.
 - e. A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state or national archive, state library, etc.)

Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results:

- 6. Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. You may complete this requirement by using the chart provided in the *Genealogy* merit badge pamphlet or the genealogy software program of your choice. *(See the sample Pedigree Chart at the end of this workbook)*
- 7. Complete a family group record form, listing yourself and your brothers and sisters as the children. On another family group record form, show one of your parents and his or her brothers and sisters as the children. This requirement may be completed using the chart provided or the genealogy software program of your choice. *(See the sample Family Group Record Charts at the end of this workbook)*
- 8. Do the following:
 - a. Explain the effect computers and the Internet are having on the world of genealogy.

Pedigree Chart

Scout's Name: _____

<p>Me</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Born: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Married: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Died: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p>	<p><u>My Father:</u></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Born: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Married: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Died: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p>	<p><u>His Father:</u> Name: _____</p> <p>Born: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Married: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Died: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p>
	<p><u>My Mother:</u></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Born: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Married: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Died: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p>	<p><u>Her Father:</u> Name: _____</p> <p>Born: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Married: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Died: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p>

Family Group Record (Listing you as a child)

Scout's Name: _____

Husband's Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Married	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Wife's Maiden Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Children (list whether living or dead, in order of Birth)	
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place

Family Group Record (Listing one of your parents as a child)

Scout's Name: _____

Husband's Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Married	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Wife's Maiden Name	
Birth Date	Place
Died	Place
Father's Name	Mother's Name
Other info	
Children (list whether living or dead, in order of Birth)	
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place
Name	Male/Female
Birth Date	Place
Spouse's Name	Other Info
Died	Place
Married	Place