



Leveling Up in the Game of Genealogy Lecture Notes

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Lots of people approach family history like a video game—collecting the most number of ancestors or chasing the shaky leaves. In genealogy, just like in a video game, or in life for that matter, you don't know what you don't know. You could be playing along for years before you realize that there are power-ups and secret passageways in the game that can take you to the next level.

Further Reading

- Ancestry Insider “Genealogical Maturity Model”
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See also https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogical_Maturity
- Board for Certification of Genealogists, “The Genealogical Proof Standard”
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- Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*. Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 2007.
- Jones, Thomas W. *Mastering Genealogical Proof*. National Genealogical Society, Arlington, 2013.
- *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* 2019 articles by Janet Hovorka on the Dunning Kruger effect in genealogy
- Watch for more information on an upcoming survey at CristaCowan.com or on the Family ChartMasters Newsletter at FamilyChartMasters.com