

Dear Elizabeth...

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You are a heroine in a regency or Victorian novel. So is your best friend. Though apart, you write letters to each other. You will both need notecards, paper, pens - fountain or quill. Biro's will Not Do. Tea & cake optional.

Create Your Heroines

Describe your personality. Pick a Virtue, a Vice, a Hope. Embrace those 19th century values.

Describe your family. What does Father do? What is Mother like?

How did you meet? Each describe a special moment you share. Why did you part?

Setup

On notecards write one each of:

Meeting
Scandal

Birth
Death

Guest
Quarrel

Courtship
Proposal

Shuffle, deal half to each player.

Play

Players sit in separate rooms. No interaction between players or their characters except by letter. Maintain the illusion.

An Event happened this Spring. Draw a notecard - interpret imaginatively.

Use pen & paper to write a letter to your friend. Describe your event. Ask them questions about their life; answer theirs. Develop shared history & supporting characters. Channel your inner Austen, Brontë, Eliot.

When done, post it under the door. Read the letter posted to you.

Repeat for Summer, Autumn, Winter.

Solo Variant

You write letters, but never receive replies. You wonder why.

