

# Photo Detective



Imagine you are a family history detective. Your job is to analyze old family photographs from around the house. Ask a family member to find some photographs you have never seen before. They may be in a shoe box or an old photo album. Look at each one and answer the questions below.



1. Who is in the photograph?

2. Is everyone in the picture related?

3. What are the people doing? Explain.

4. When do you think the photograph was taken?

5. Where do you think the photograph was taken? What makes you think that?

6. Why was this photograph taken?



## Expert Tip!

Look closely! Each photograph could reveal something about your family you didn't know.



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Look at the back of each photograph for written clues.

**Congratulations!** You are a family history detective. This is how genealogists use photographs to learn about families. They find clues, answer questions, and share their results.

**EXTRA STEP!** Ask a family member if they know the answers to these questions. Ask them if you can record the date and the names of each person on the back of the photograph with a soft lead pencil (using a pen or marker can damage the photograph).



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