



# Throwback Thursday:

## Clothing Detectives

Today's Camp Ah-Ha project has clothing fun!

### Who:

- You and your family

### What:

- We've talked about what Curators do organizing collections but another job they have is being detectives. Do you like solving mysteries? Maybe you read detective stories like Sherlock Holmes, Cam Jansen, the Box Car Kids or Nancy Drew? Detectives look for clues in everyday things around them to solve mysteries. That is exactly what Curators do. They look for clues in artifacts, newspapers, diaries, artwork and photographs to help uncover history's mysteries.
- Look at the old photos on the second to last page. Use your best detective skills.
- What can you tell about the Man in photo A based on how he is dressed? What details tell you that? Do you think he was important? Why or why not? How is he different from the man in Photo B?
- Look carefully at the two pictures of women. Which dress do you think is the most comfortable? Which woman do you think might have more money? Why do you think that? What details in the photo tell you that?
- Now, let's look at the photo of the little boy. He is dressed in his best clothes to get his picture taken and is probably two years old. Find a picture of you at two years old. What is the same about how you are dressed compared to how he is dressed? How is it different? How are your best clothes different from his? Do you think he would have played in those clothes?
- Ask your family for old pictures they might have. Facetime a grandparent and ask them to show you some old photos of when they were younger. Use your detective skills to see what clues you can use to learn more about your family through the pictures.

### How:

- Today you will get to dress up like one of the people you see in the photos! Think about all of the interesting things you noticed about the person in the pictures. The style of clothing, what the clothing looked like, things they were holding, and what their hair looked like.
- Next, choose one of the pictures and try to dress up to look just like them! See if you have any clothes that are very similar to what you see in the picture! If you don't have similar clothing, can you try and make your

clothing look like the what's in the picture? Give it and try and have fun dressing up!

- Take pictures of your outfits and post them on our Facebook page so we can see how well you did!

### Tips:

- Be creative! Most people won't have historic looking dresses or jackets and pants, but do you have something that is similar? Maybe you'll need to repurpose an article of clothing or look in someone else's closet at home! Think about shawls, scarves, tablecloths!
- Remember to add accessories. Look closely at the pictures to see what you'll need to wear in addition to the clothing.

### Extensions:

- Do the attached compare and contrast page. Cut out the pictures and sort them into two groups. Pictures of clothing and accessories from the past and pictures from now.
- Know of anything else that should be added on the compare/contrast sheet? Write the words or draw the pictures!

Photo A:



Photo B:



Photo: C



Photo: D





Photo of a little boy about age 2 or 3

# Clothing and Accessories

Past

Present

