

Photo Connections Lesson Ideas

The following ideas can be adapted for different age levels or are ideas that can be used to create an age-appropriate lesson.

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1. Is it possible to tell if any of the photos were taken in summer? In winter? Fall? Spring? Why or why not? What type of clothing was worn during the late 1800's or early 1900's. Was there a difference between formal and informal attire? Try to find examples from the photos at www.adoptaphoto.com and write an illustrated report or create a multimedia presentation about your findings.

2. Ask your parents to show you the portrait photos taken of you since you were an infant. How many are there? How many photos were likely to be taken of a young person your age in the early 1900's? Why? What would have been the occasions? What accounts for the differences between today and then?

Create a story of your childhood using your favorite photos. Compare and contrast your story with a fictional story based on a photo of a child selected from those posted at www.adoptaphoto.com.

3. Study the photographs at www.adoptaphoto.com. What occasions do they depict? Write an illustrated report, or create a multimedia presentation about your findings.

4. What does the phrase "let your hair down" mean? Can you determine when it became a popular saying? Why was the phrase especially significant during the time period represented by some of the photographs at www.adoptaphoto.com. Explain.