

Uncovering History's Mysteries

Learning to Think Like a Detective

Historians learn about history from primary sources. What are primary sources?

Sometimes they don't know anything about the primary sources they find and they have to be detectives.

Today you're going to be the historian, so put your detective hat on and be ready to think!



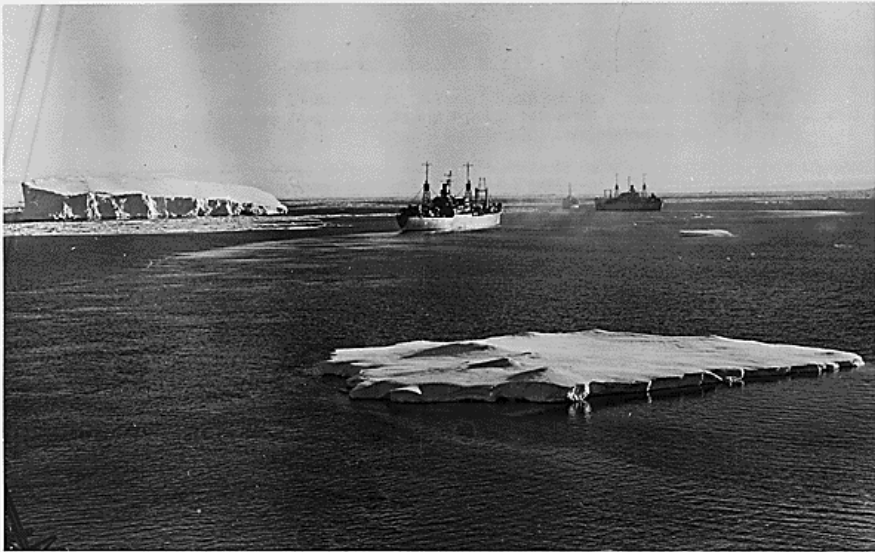
What can you tell from
looking at a picture?



What time of year is it?



Which picture is older?
Where do you think they were taken?



Were you correct?



Who are these men?



Where do you think President Bush is in this picture?



Which family do you think has more money than the other?



What are these women doing?



What is her job?



What is the same about the nurses? What is different?



How is your life different from the children below?



These people are from different cultures. How can you tell?



What can you tell from
looking at an object?



Which one is the oldest?



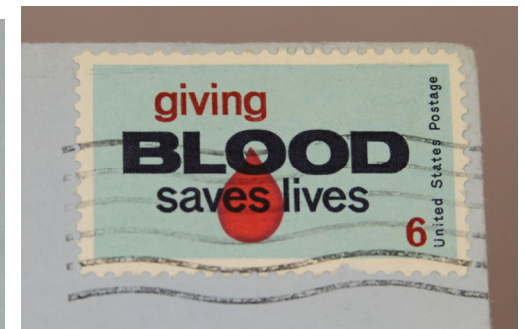
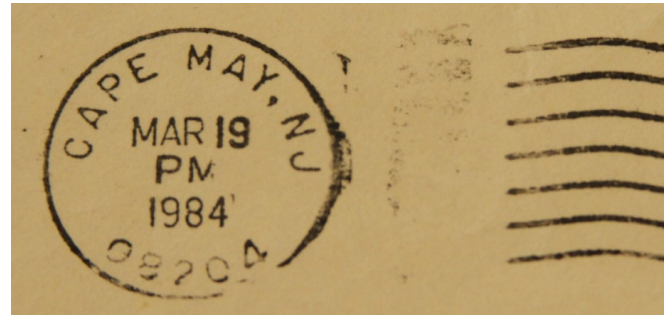
Where was this made? Do you think it is heavy or light?



How have irons changed?



What is in the pictures below? What do they tell you?



Who wore each of these?



What do you think this is?



Do you see something like it in the picture?



How are the lunch boxes similar and different?



Where were these made?



Match the cups to the picture that best fits their use.



Even though this is not in English, can you tell what it is?



Can you
now?

Learning to Look

- When you look at a picture or artifact you've never seen before, it can be confusing.
- This handout gives you hints to help you learn how to detect what an object is telling you...





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