

## A Critical Look at Historic Photographs: Level 1

It's easy to glance at historic photographs and see nothing but an old black and white image. A closer and critical look, however, will reveal much about the time period in which the photograph was taken. For this activity, gather several historic photographs taken between 1860 and 1900. You can use old family photos or photos from a book or magazine.

Date, if dated	
<b>Men's Clothing</b>	
Hats: general style.	
Vest: material, hemline.	
Shirt: material, collar or no, pockets, style of shirt opening.	
Tie: string, ribbon, neckerchief, broad tie.	
Trousers: material, pockets.	
Footwear: boots, shoes, laces, heel, inside pants or outside of pant.	
Coats: fur, wool, cotton, buttons, length, pockets.	
Holster: style.	
Holster Belt: narrow or wide, cartridge loops or not.	
Firearms: make and model.	



## Women's Clothing

Hat: style, decoration, material, hat pin.	
Coats: fur, wool, cotton, style, buttons, length, pockets.	
Dress: material, length, hooped or bustled, buttons, single dress or bodice and skirt.	
Footwear: boots, shoes, laces, heel.	
Note anything that grabs your attention, is unique, or is typical to the era.	