

Finding Clues in Pictures

Directions: Even if you do not know anything about a picture, you can learn to read its clues. When you first look at a picture, think about some of the questions below:

1. How is the picture different from pictures you have? Is it older?
2. What is the main image in the picture?
3. Can you see words in or on the picture? What do they say?
4. Who are the people in the picture? Do you know any of them?
5. What are people wearing? (Hints: Are the clothes old? Are they for a special event? Do they tell you how hot or cold it is?)
6. What time of year is it? Can you tell what the weather is like?
7. Are there buildings or landmarks you recognize?
8. What jobs might the people in the picture have?
9. Where do you think the picture was taken? (Hints: Was it taken in the desert or by an ocean? Are there clues about the building? Can you see a sign with the city or state name?)



Finding Clues on Artifacts

Directions: Artifacts tell the story of the time they were created. Even if you do not know where they are from, below are questions to ask that will help you figure it out.

1. Does the object look like something you use or have seen before? How is it similar or different?
2. Are there words on the object? What do they say? (Hints: Are they in English?)
3. How old is the object?
4. What is the object made of? Is it heavy or light?
5. What color is the object? Do the colors mean anything?
6. How do you think people used the object? (Hints: Was it a tool used for work? Did someone use it for fun?)
7. Do you think it was expensive?
8. Did someone take special care of the object? Why?
9. Where do you think the object came from?

