



TEACHER NOTES - FAMILY PHOTOS

The objective is to produce a poster using family photos to illustrate the concept of “Then and Now”, comparing and contrasting various aspects of family life over the years, depending on the child’s interests and the availability of appropriate photos.

Examples of possible subjects are given under [What To Do](#) on the activity page. Children could brainstorm others. Some lead time will be required for photos to be collected. The idea is to get family photos out of the boxes and albums where they are often tucked away unseen, and to display them in a meaningful way.

The poster may be created either directly onto poster board using hard copies of photographs or in digital format, then printed out and mounted on poster board. Those fortunate enough to have many photos may wish to do a series of posters celebrating their family through the generations. Copies would make great gifts.

To make the poster an even more valuable and interesting family history resource, all photos should have captions giving as many names, dates and places as possible. It should also include the name of the child, the date it was created, and an appropriate title.

Encourage the creators of these posters to preserve them by laminating or framing them and stress the fact that their posters could well become family heirlooms in their own right.