



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM
AT DEALEY PLAZA

SUMMER FUN

Photography

By taking photos, we capture moments of our ordinary lives and important events in history. Photography played a key role in documenting President John F Kennedy's life and presidency. Put yourself in the role of photographer and see what moments you can capture.



Photo scavenger hunt

Either by yourself or with a group of friends, look around you and take pictures of the items on the list below. Once you have taken at least one photograph of each item on the list, write down why you chose those items. Print the photos or gather the items with your descriptions to make a mini-exhibit.

- something orange
- your view from a window
- something you like to eat
- an object that tells time
- an object that has wheels
- a book
- a flower or another plant
- something round

Next make your own list of objects to photograph and share it with your friends and family. See who can complete your list. Why did you select the objects on your list? Who had the most creative responses to your scavenger hunt?

A moment in time

Did you know photos are time machines? Look at a group photos taken in the same place at different times of day or year. What differences are there? What similarities? Find your favorite spot or room in your house and take a photo in the same place over the course of the day. Print out the photos and arrange them in the order they were taken to show the progression of time. Look for similarities and differences in the photos. How did the photos change as time went on? How is the progression of time shown in the photos when they are placed side by side? If you were to arrange the photos in a different order, how would that change the story they tell?

Self portrait

Portraits are images of a person or a group of people posed for a photograph, painting, or other artwork. Usually there are items in the background to give viewers a hint about who the person was, what they liked to do, what their job was, and other details. Looking at the portrait of President Kennedy on the front of this worksheet, what can you learn about him from the objects in his portrait?

Set up a portrait session for yourself or a friend or family member. Choose objects from your home and arrange them to create a background for your portrait. Pick your favorite outfit and dress up for your photo. Choose a pose and take a selfie or have a family member or friend take your photo. Why did you place certain objects in the photo? Why did you select this specific outfit? What do all the decisions you made for your portrait tell about you?

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