

FINGERPRINT WEBQUEST

Fingerprints

People have noticed subtle differences in fingerprint patterns for centuries. The following websites illustrate this history. Browse the sites listed and answer these questions. <http://www.cyberbee.com/whodunnit/fp.html>

1. When were fingerprints first used as evidence linking suspects to crimes?

2. Why were fingerprints used in Ancient Babylon?

3. When and why were fingerprints first used in the United States?

4. In which country were fingerprints used to identify a woman who murdered her two sons?

5. Which state in the United States first used fingerprints for criminals?

6. What famous criminal case made fingerprinting the standard for personal identification?

7. How many methods are there for taking fingerprints? _____

8. How do we classify fingerprints?

<http://www.onin.com/fp/fphistory.html>

9. The body measure system is named after _____ the founder of anthropometry. But an in event in 1903 created some confusion...please explain!

10. Explain why Thompson used his thumb print on a geological survey.

11. Galton is related to whom and what did his work consist of?

12. Explain Galton's primary interest in fingerprints.

13. What are the odds that two people would have the same fingerprints?

14. When were fingerprints first used in the U.S.? _____

15. How many points are sufficient for a positive ID on two prints? _____

16. Explain what is happening in 2007 under the topic of fingerprints☺.

<http://www.policensw.com/info/fingerprints/finger08.html>

17. How can you tell if a fingerprint has been rolled or not?

18. Explain the minutia in diagram 2.

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