Fingerprint Detectives (Grades 3-8)

Objective

Learn how to collect and compare fingerprints.

Materials

- Pencil
- Clear tape
- White paper
- Magnifying glass (optional)

Instructions

- 1. Rub a pencil on a small area of paper until it's very dark.
- 2. Press your finger onto the graphite.
- 3. Press clear tape onto your fingerprint, then stick it onto a clean white piece of paper.
- 4. Label it (e.g., "Right Thumb").
- 5. Compare your fingerprint with classmates or family members using a magnifying glass.