

## **GJOA HAVEN community photography web archive**

**Photographs are a way of remembering who we are and what is important to us. What photographs are important to help you and your family remember?**

**Students bring a photo from home to school to scan, record, and present to the class. The scan and record of the photo could be included in the Gjoa Haven community photography web archive.**

**Grades:** High school/ elementary

**Relevant subject areas:** Social Studies, English, Inuktitut, computer skills

**Resources:**

Photo recording sheet

Gjoa Haven community photography web archive

**Activities:**

### **1. Introduce**

Students learn about archives and about photographs as memory aids.

- Talk in class about how photographs can help remember, and how they are a way of keeping memories.
- Invite an elder to class to talk about a photograph that holds memories.
- Talk in class about what an archive is and why they can be important. Visit the heritage centre to discuss archives with the staff there.

### **2. Explore**

- In class: Get to know an archive: They can be paper or on the internet. Is there any archives in the community you could visit?
- At home: Talk with elders and your family about photographs that help you remember.

### **3. Choose a photograph that holds memories**

Students choose a photograph from home they want to work with and bring the photograph to school.

- Scan or make photo of the photograph

### **4. Investigate and record**

Use the photograph information sheet for support

- Why is this photograph important to you? What does it help you remember?
- What do you know about the photograph?
- Ask your family and elders for help with the information sheet!

### **5. Share:**

Your class could make a display with the different photos and information.

- Send the scan of the photo and your information sheet to the Gjoa Haven community photography web archive.
- Look at time line of Gjoa Haven local history (there is one at the Heritage Centre, maybe you have made one in class too?) Place your photo on the timeline.
- Bring your photo home to be kept with your family's keepsakes.

**Objectives:**

- Reflect on memories and how photographs can hold memories
- Learn about own family history, relate this to history of community of Gjoa Haven
- Learn about archives and how they can be a way of safeguarding important memories
- Involve family and elders of students in students school work
- Document recent past in Gjoa Haven through community contributions