Clues Across Time

Use firsthand clues to compare daily life then and now.

SS24.K.11 "Identify a primary source. 11a Compare daily life in homes, schools, and communities of the past and present using primary sources."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 FIND CLUES

a	**memory**	**guess**	**pretend**
b	**guess**	**pretend**	**paper**

2 THEN AND NOW

a	**both**	**past**	**now**
b	**past**	**both**	**now**
c	**past**	**now**	**both**

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt aloud and give students time to circle one choice. The teacher's memories are firsthand clues about the past, and the worksheet is a clue from today. Students then use firsthand accounts to compare life at school, at home, and in the community.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · FIND CLUES

SAY "A primary source is a clue from someone who was there or something made at the time. Listen to each question and circle one choice."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	I remember writing on paper at school when I was little. Which choice names a clue from someone who was there?	**memory**
b	Look at the sheet in your hands. Which choice names a real clue made for school today?	**paper**

PART 2 · THEN AND NOW

SAY "I will tell you what I remember from when I was little and what I do today. Circle when each activity happened: in the past, now, or both."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	When I was little, I wrote on paper at school. You have paper at school today. When did children use paper at school, in the past, now, or both?	**both**
b	When I was little, I ate food at home. I eat food at home today, too. When did I eat food at home, in the past, now, or both?	**both**
c	When I was little, I saw other people in my community. I see other people in my community today, too. When did I see other people in my community, in the past, now, or both?	**both**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Find Clues: memory, paper. Then and Now: both for all three rows. Use the first-person statements only if they are true of your own experience.