

When we want to learn how people lived in the past in New Mexico, we don't always have written histories to tell us. Sometimes we get good ideas from the artifacts or objects people left behind, or from photographs. You can be an archaeologist and see how much you can learn by looking very carefully at the enclosed picture.

- What evidence do you see for the kind of house these people lived in? What is the house made of?
- Is this a summer house, or a house for all year round? How do you know?
- Look carefully for objects that are clues to how people lived. What kinds of work did the family do to feed themselves, or keep their house repaired?
- Do you see any evidence that kids lived here? What chores might kids do to help out at home?

Make up a story about what life was like at this home.

*Take a picture of your story and email it to us (mollie.toll@state.nm.us). We will publish it on our website (www.nmarchaeology.org), and you will be famous! Include your first name, age, and school if you like.

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