

Bertillon Lab Activity

By using measuring tapes, students measured the length of their torsos, length of arm from elbow to middle finger and hand from wrist to middle fingers - recorded and calculated the average for males and females in our class population). Students did this activity before actual fingerprinting analysis. (*Ludas, Joseph M., "Fingerprint discoveries", Sirchie fingerprint laboratories, Forensic Press, 100 Hinter Place, Youngsville, N.C., 1996.*)

Using fingerprint flash cards, balloons and magnifying glasses, magnetic fingerprint material, ink pads and regular fingerprint powders, students obtained latent fingerprints, took their own fingerprints and analyzed both types. (Sirchie and Lynn Peavey can be found on <http://www.policeone.com/police-products/investigation/forensic-supplies>)

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Make a Bertillon card.