

Photography **Old-Time Portraits**

Group portraits from a hundred years ago always look unusual. The people look rigid and wooden, are posed in an unnaturally formal manner, and often the people don't look too happy. Often one or more people in the photo are leaning on something.

The reason the pictures look this way is that there was no flash photography; the camera person had to use natural light, and the film took up to half an hour to expose. The people in the photograph had to pose without moving for that length of time. Sometimes they were propped up from behind with wooden frames to help keep them from moving.

Your assignment:

Recreate one of these old photographs. Do some research first ... see if you can find some examples on the internet. Look particularly at the clothing. Then design a photograph. Find some old-time clothing (see below) and some friends, and take the picture. Remember ... black and white! Add some creative texture digitally.

Hand it in using the usual method. Make sure the name of the photo includes your name:

eg: oldtime_emily.jpg

Clothing:

male: suspenders, overalls, cowboy boots, hat (NOT a baseball cap)
 OR long riding coat, cowboy boots and hat

female: frilly dress, cowboy boots, big flowery hat
 OR long riding coat, cowboy boots and hat