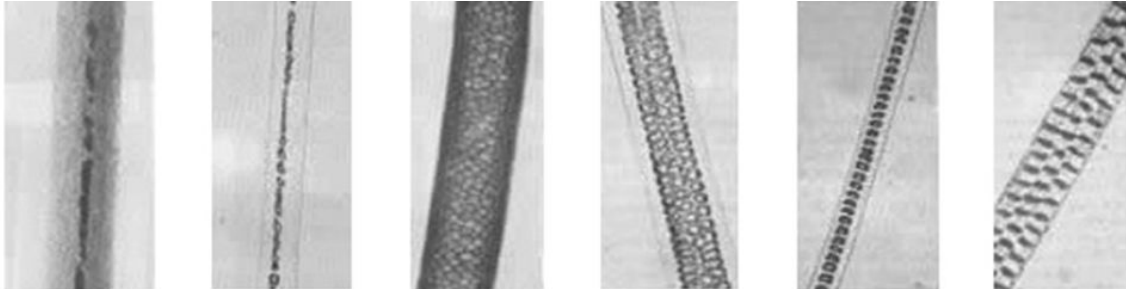


**Please use the following resources to learn about Hair ID in forensics**



**Human**

**Dog**

**Deer**

**Rabbit**

**Cat**

**Mouse**

Microscope images of hair shafts from different animals.

**Watch this Video:** <https://youtu.be/i52-RKay0IU>

**Answer these questions:**

- Can a strand of hair be used to accurately identify a single individual? Why or why not?
- What is the center of the hair shaft called?
- What are some qualities of hair that forensic scientists can examine?

**Activities:** Be a forensic sleuth by playing a virtual forensic investigations game. Then test out your skills by searching for hair evidence in your home!

### Part 1: Online Game

You will need:

• Computer with WIFI	• Paper	• Pencil
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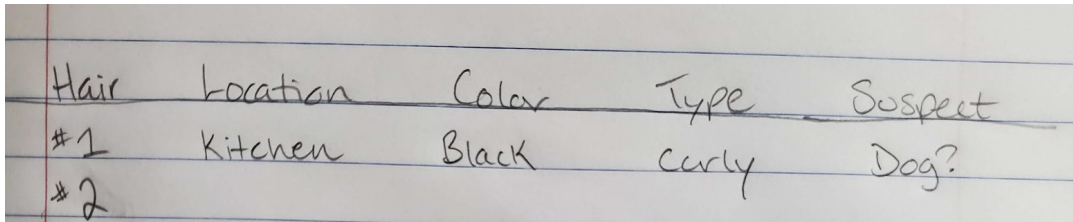
1. Follow this link to play the virtual forensic investigation game:  
<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/sgc-cms/expositions-exhibitions/detective-investigator/en/game/index.php>
2. As any good detective would, jot down some notes about clues you find.
3. See if you can solve the murder mystery!

## Part 2: Be a forensic scientist at home!

You will need:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Flashlight</li><li>● Tweezers</li><li>● Small plastic baggies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sharpie marker</li><li>● White sheet of paper</li><li>● Magnifying glass</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Desk lamp</li><li>● Science notebook</li><li>● Pencil</li></ul>
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1. Use your flashlight to scour each room in your house for hair evidence.
2. When you find a hair, use your tweezers to collect it, put it in a baggie and seal it.
3. Use the sharpie to label your baggie.
  - a. Write whatever number hair it is you've collected (if it's your first, write #1).
  - b. Write the name of the room you're in.
4. Keep searching until you've completed all rooms you have access to.
5. Bring your evidence to a table with the desk lamp set up on it and lay out a white sheet of paper.
6. Starting with baggie #1, remove the hair with your tweezers and lay it on the white paper.
7. Use the magnifying glass and the light from the desk lamp to examine your hair.
8. In your notebook, write down hair #1, the room it was found in, what color the hair is, and if it is curly, straight or wavy.
9. Repeat steps 6-8 with all of your hairs.
10. With your knowledge of the rooms, the people and animals in the rooms, and with your notes from your examination of the hairs; can you figure out who each hair belongs to?



Hair	Location	Color	Type	Suspect
#1	Kitchen	Black	curly	Dog?
#2				

### Make observations & use Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning!

1. **Claim:** The most useful forensic clues for solving crimes are not hairs.
  - **Evidence:**
  - **Reasoning:**
2. **Claim:** Hairs can help scientists figure out some characteristics of the human or animal that it came from.
  - **Evidence:**
  - **Reasoning:**