

FINGERPRINTS



1. What is a fingerprint?
2. Name 2 types of patterns of fingerprints.
3. For what are fingerprints used?
4. When were fingerprints used for identification?
5. Who was given credit for being the first person to devise a workable method of fingerprinting?
6. Was fingerprinting used in Bible times for identification?
7. Who has the largest collection of fingerprints? How many?
8. What 2 types of fingerprint records are stored?
9. With an adult's help, make some fingerprints of your friends and yourself. Compare them and look at the differences.

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Reference: The World Book Encyclopedia

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1. Impressions of the ridges of the fingers.
2. Loop, Arch, Plain Whorl, and Accidental.
3. To identify individuals. No 2 prints are exactly alike.
4. 1858
5. Sir William J. Herschel
6. There are no known records that they were used in Bible times for identification.
7. F.B.I., Over 180 million prints.
8. a. Civil--serves as means of identifying missing persons, victims of loss of memory or people involved in accidents.
b. Criminal--serves as a record of people who have committed a crime.

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