



Fingerprinting

Merit Badge Worksheet

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Scouts Name _____

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Complete

1. Give a short history of fingerprinting. _____

Tell the difference between civil and criminal identification. _____

Complete

2. Explain the difference between the automated fingerprint identification systems (AFIS) now used by some law enforcement agencies and the biometric fingerprint systems used to control access to places like buildings, airports, and computer rooms.

Complete

3. Do the following:

a. Name the surfaces of the body where friction or papillary ridges are found. _____

b. Name the two basic principles supporting the science of fingerprints and give a brief explanation of each principle.

1. _____

2. _____

c. Explain what it takes to positively identify a person using fingerprints _____

Complete

4. Take a clear set of prints using ONE of the following methods.

a. Make both rolled and plain impressions. Make these on an fingerprint identification card, below

FINGERPRINT CARD									
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME			MIDDLE NAME			SR; JR; etc.	
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	SEX	RACE	HGT.	WGT.	EYES	HAIR	
DATE	SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED			RESIDENCE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED					
DATE	SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING FINGERPRINTS			PRINTED NAME OF PERSON TAKING FINGERPRINTS					
1. RIGHT THUMB		2. RIGHT INDEX		3. RIGHT MIDDLE		4. RIGHT RING		5. RIGHT LITTLE	
6. LEFT THUMB		7. LEFT INDEX		8. LEFT MIDDLE		9. LEFT RING		10. LEFT LITTLE	
LEFT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY				L. THUMB	R THUMB	RIGHT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY			

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b. Using clear adhesive tape, a pencil, and plain paper, record your own fingerprints or those of another person. Explain how this method works. _____

Complete

5. Using your own hand, identify the types of patterns you see. Explain the three basic types of fingerprints and subcategories _____
