



# **Activity: Walter's House**

#### **Part 1: Looking At Walter's House**

**<u>Directions</u>**: Check all the items that you saw in Walter's house and answer the question.

ITEM	SAW ITEM	ITEM	SAW ITEM (✓)	ITEM	SAW ITEM (✓)
A cross		Books		A pump	
A record		Curtains		A china cabinet	
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Paintings		Sink		A bed	
Blankets on		A table		Upholstered	
the bed				chairs	
A picture of		A picture of		Plates	
the Virgin		an older			
Mary		Italian man			
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Canisters		Laundry		A pan	
		hanging up			
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A fireplace		A lamp		A refrigerator	
A wood stove		Candles		A clock	

#### What do these items tell you about the standard of living of Walter's family?







Find these images online at <a href="http://www.cnam.com/pastpresent/html/s9w.html">http://www.cnam.com/pastpresent/html/s9w.html</a>



### Part 3: Comparing Walter's House to Middle Class Life in New York City ca. 1900

<u>Directions</u>: Use the following chart to compare and contrast Walter's house to the images of life in middle class homes presented below. Then, answer the question based on your analysis.

What Do You See?	Middle Class Homes, 1900	Walter's House
What furniture is		
present?		
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How are the rooms decorated?		
What were the		
rooms used for?		
How do the images from	m 1900 compare to Walter's house?	Where would you prefer to live

and why?	





Library, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace, New York City <a href="http://www.nationalparks.org/images/PlanYourParkTripimgs/parkgraphics/thrb">http://www.nationalparks.org/images/PlanYourParkTripimgs/parkgraphics/thrb</a> 1.jpg



Parlor, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace, New York City <a href="http://nycdaytripper.files.wordpress.com/2010/02/theodore-roosevelt-birthplace-parlor-blog1.jpg">http://nycdaytripper.files.wordpress.com/2010/02/theodore-roosevelt-birthplace-parlor-blog1.jpg</a>





Sitting Room, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace, New York City http://www.tripadvisor.com/LocationPhotos-g60763-d143273-w2-Theodore\_Roosevelt\_Birthplace\_National\_Historic\_Site-New\_York\_City\_New\_York.html#22301411

## Part 3: Comparing Walter's and Anna's Homes

**<u>Directions</u>**: Discuss Anna and Walter's living situations with your team partners.

How does Walter's house compare to the Caruso apartment? What does this tell you about the standard of living of the Caruso family?			