

# Searching for Home: The Lives of Lucy Maud Montgomery

## Activity 1.0 - Collecting Memories & Memorabilia

### Student Instructions

#### Introduction

Lucy Maud Montgomery spent much of her time recording her daily activities, important events, and memories in personal journals and scrapbooks. Montgomery's scrapbooks contain items of special significance to her life; she collected newspaper articles, wedding invitations, awards, photographs, postcards, poems, and even fabric swatches. Journals and scrapbooks can be helpful to plan out ideas for a piece of art work, to develop a short story, or simply to help create a lasting memory of an important event or occasion in one's life. This activity will explore the importance of collecting and organizing personal information. You will develop your abilities to record your thoughts and ideas through words and pictures.

#### Materials

- Student handouts
- Computer (with Internet access)
- Scrap paper
- Pencil or pen
- Various journal/scrapbooking materials:  
e.g. Glue, scissors, magazines, personal photographs, fabric, newspaper articles, etc.

#### Activity: Step by Step

1. Look at the journal and scrapbook entries provided by your teacher. List four different materials used (eg. postcards, newspaper clippings).
2. Create your own scrapbook page based on a topic important to you, using cutouts from magazines, photographs, poems, or other objects you have collected. The scrapbook entry can be on a topic of your choice.
3. Present your page to the class. Explain to the class why the objects you used are important to you.
4. Write a one paragraph journal entry about creating your scrapbook page. Why did you use the objects you did? What does the design say about you?
5. Discuss with the rest of the class how you could use your scrapbook and journal entry as a starting point for a creative story. Write down some ideas in the Notes section.
6. Write a brief outline for a story based on an object or setting from your journal or scrapbook entry.

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#### Resources

[www.lmmrc.ca](http://www.lmmrc.ca)

- Lucy Maud Montgomery Research Centre - Biography and chronology

<http://lmm.confederationcentre.com/>

- L.M. Montgomery's Personal Scrapbooks and Book Covers

[www.ourontario.ca](http://www.ourontario.ca)

- Photograph and image database (search for "Lucy Maud Montgomery")

[http://archives.cbc.ca/arts\\_entertainment/literature/topics/1630/](http://archives.cbc.ca/arts_entertainment/literature/topics/1630/)

- CBC Digital Archives -Biographical videos and learning modules

[www.lmmontgomery.ca/](http://www.lmmontgomery.ca/)

- L.M. Montgomery Institute University of PEI

#### Notes