



The Mini Page

Next Week:
The U.S.
Turns 250!

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Imagine Dad ...

For Father's Day, The Mini Page thought it might be fun to picture Dad in some duds that men have worn through the centuries.

You might draw in your dad's face, or you might find a small photo of his face, cut it out, and place it in front of each blank face to see how he might have looked. Color in the skin tones. Be sure to show it to him!

A Viking

He would have worn a leather hat (they did not add horns to them), a wool cloak and trousers, and a shirt of linen. The cloak is held up with a pin.

• A.D. 700 to 1000



In the Middle Ages

Dad would wear a hat, a tunic with a high collar and trailing sleeves, and sock hose (socks with leather soles built in). The sock toes might be so pointed that he would have trouble walking. He might stuff them to make them stand out even farther.

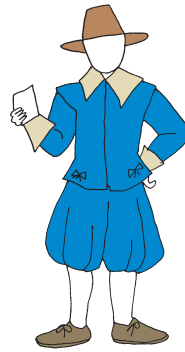
• 14th century



A Pilgrim

Picture Dad in a broad-brimmed beaver-skin hat, linen collar, a **doublet** (close-fitting jacket), linen cuffs, breeches, stockings and shoes.

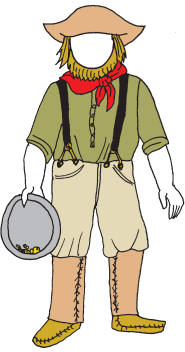
• 1621



A forty-niner

To prospect for gold, Dad would wear a deerskin hat and shirt, a bandanna around his neck, pants made of canvas and a pair of deerskin leggings. He also might wear leather moccasins.

• 1849



All dressed up

On a fine turn-of-the-century day down by the seaside, Dad could be spotted in a striped jacket, a straw hat, white buck shoes and a bow tie.

• 1900



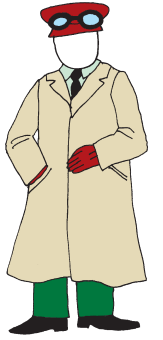
Mini Fact:

Your dad may wear a uniform to work. What does his uniform include?

A motorist

To go out driving in his new Model T, he'd wear a linen coat called a **duster** to protect him from the dusty roads. He'd also put on a cap, driving gloves and goggles.

• 1912



In the Roaring '20s

Dad would keep warm in a fur coat that almost touched the ground over his business suit. He'd top it off with a felt hat.

• 1920s



What does your dad wear?

Think about what your dad wears most of the time. Does he wear a suit to work? Does he wear shorts on the weekend?

Draw a picture of your dad wearing today's fashions.



Resources



On the Web:

• youtu.be/vBpehp5daIw

At the library:

• "Grumpy Monkey Father's Day Fuss" by Suzanne Lang

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of fathers' fashions are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

BREECHES, CENTURIES, CLOAK, COLLAR, DEERSKIN, DOUBLET, DUDS, DUSTER, FELT, FUR, GOGGLES, HAT, IMAGINE, MOCCASINS, PILGRIM, STOCKINGS, TROUSERS, TUNIC, UNIFORM.

T M K U V T A H C N C B R R T
E R R C E R U F S I C C Z A D
L O F I N O M N G K E G S L U
B F E N I U I C N S N O E L S
U I L U G S R Z I R T G H O T
O N T T A E G C K E U G C C E
D U L C M R L L C E R L E N R
A U C E I S I O O D I E E V S
J O D G R G P A T F E S R T Q
M J J S O A C K S E S H B F Z



Mini Jokes



Finn: My dad can play the piano by ear!

Francie: Well, my dad fiddles with his whiskers!

Festus: What did Papa Robin say to Baby Robin?

Fergus: You're a chirp off the old flock!

Eco Note



Daily satellite imagery shows Earth became 16% brighter at night from 2014 to 2022 as artificial lighting expanded across much of the world's land area. The sharpest increases were seen in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, where urban growth, new infrastructure and wider access to electricity pushed formerly dark regions into the global power grid. But the brightening was uneven, with parts of Europe actually dimming due to energy-saving policies, directional LED streetlights and efforts to reduce overall light pollution.

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For later:

Look in your local newspaper for special Father's Day events happening in your area.

Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy is giving her dad a Father's Day gift. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



Mini Spy Classics appear in the first issue of each month.

Based on materials originally produced and/or created by Betty Debnam.

- hammerhead shark
- knife
- horn
- peapod
- letter T
- arrow
- milk carton
- doughnut
- letter D
- lima bean
- mug
- letter B
- word MINI
- ladder
- heart
- pencil
- kite
- angelfish
- letter A
- pig
- banana
- seal
- number 2

KidSpot

By Dan Thompson

6-13

Pick a vowel

Can you find the summer fruits and vegetables in the list below by replacing the missing vowels
A, E, I, O, U?

1. L * T T * C *
2. W * T * R M * L * N
3. T * M * T *
4. S T R * W B * R R Y
5. Z * C C H * N *
6. C * C * M B * R



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ANS: 1. LETTUCE 2. WATERMELON 3. TOMATO 4. STRAWBERRY 5. ZUCCHINI 6. CUCUMBER