



Passengers from the local trains in morning taking the 10:00 o'clock boat from Alton station to St. Louis.

**BIG QUESTION:** How do we learn about the past?

## **UNBOXING ACTIVITY**

Have the teacher or “guest adult” (support teacher, administrator, etc) gather items about themselves. Place in a box and slowly remove or reveal them. Have students make guesses about the personality of or facts about the subject. Have students explain their guesses.

### **Extension Idea #1**

Have students bring in their own items showing their family, interests, and hobbies. Have them “unbox” from actual boxes or paper bags, and allow each student to verbally explain how their chosen “artifacts” reflect them.

