

Gumpertz Apartment

Name _____

1. During what time period did the Gumpertz family live at 97 Orchard Street?
2. From where did the Gumpertz family emigrate?
3. How many people were in this family?
4. How did Mrs. Gumpertz support herself and her children after her husband disappeared?
5. What was the nickname of the German neighborhood (America's first sizeable foreign-language neighborhood) on Manhattan's Lower East Side during this time period?
6. Describe the people that made up this community.
7. What caused the decline of the neighborhood?
8. Where did the people move to?
9. Looking at the kitchen of this apartment, how did the people of this time cook and heat their apartment?
10. When was gas installed in the tenements?
11. Where did the people store their dishes and utensils?
12. Why are the clothes hung on pegs on the wall?
13. How many changes of clothing do you see in this apartment (total)?
14. What does this tell you about the wardrobe of the average person at this time and place?
15. Who is shown in the picture on the Front room wall?

16. Why were these pictures so popular?

17.. Look at the fashion plates shown on the table in the front room. Use these to describe the typical ladies outfit of the day.

18. Look at the floor to the right of the fireplace in this room. What is on the floor there? What were they probably used for?

19. What is used to light this apartment?

20. How many beds are in this apartment? What does this tell you about the sleeping arrangements?