Journal Prompt

Writing or journaling is always a great activity to exercise your mind! Here’s an image in our collection. You may choose one or more of the suggested prompts below.

This circa 1930s photo shows the Chemical Section Laboratory at the new Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Austin. When the Texas Department of Public Safety was first organized in 1935, the Texas Rangers benefited from the addition of a Headquarters Division complete with a state-of-the-art crime lab and a dark room for processing crime scene photos. From left to right: Joe N. Thompson, M. T. Gonzaulas, J. H. Arnette, and George Gambill.

- Describe the photo – What do you see? What do you think they are doing?
- Do you think science is important for criminal investigation? Explain.
- What do you think the crime lab is like today? Different or the same?