The Anastasia Story:

Anastasia was one of the daughters of the Czar Nicolas Romanov and his wife Alexandra. The Romanov family was executed by the Bolsheviks during the Russian Revolution of 1917. Several years after the assassination, a woman appeared who claimed to be Anastasia. Eventually she called herself Anna Anderson. She met various friends and relatives of the Romanovs, some of whom believed her story and others who did not. When the mass grave of the murdered Romanovs was finally identified and excavated, two bodies, thought to be those of Anastasia and her little brother Nicolai, were in fact missing.

Information about the Anastasia case can be viewed at this web site: [Recovering the Romanovs: An Exercise in Scientific Analysis](http://www.dnai.org/romanovs/index.html). After you click on the link above, select the "Recovering the Romanovs" link from the DNAi web site. When you get to the Romanovs page, there are three links at the top of the frame: The Romanov Family, The Mystery of Anna Anderson, and Science Solves a Mystery. Follow each of these links and all the sublinks in each section to complete the activity.

The web site presents various types of evidence for and against Anna Anderson's claim to be Anastasia.  Which types of evidence were based on Anna's physical characteristics? Which types of evidence rested on learned behavior? Which evidence do you find more compelling? What is your opinion of Anna's claim that she was the Grand Duchess Anastasia?  Which evidence did you find to be most compelling?