Archive Detective

Answer key | Accept explanations that identify the same evidence, in the learner's own words.

The new sign

April 6–12 The sign sets the earliest possible day. The receipt shows a print already existed by April 12. Neither record picks a day within that window.

An envelope used twice

December 9 The writer gives a one-day relationship to a dated concert. The January envelope travelled with a copy.

The unpunched ferry ticket

It was printed on March 4. The serial belongs to a dated print run. A fare schedule describes the price, and an unpunched ticket does not establish a trip.

The printer's corrected map

Proof A came before Sheet B. The written correction points back to A. B came off the corrected plate. No record supplies either calendar date.

The album print

July 28–August 7 The studio visit sets the lower bound. The exposure already existed on August 7. September dates a later print.

Two clocks in one photograph

The two displayed times differ by 14 minutes. Both dials are visible. Establishing the actual local time needs independent evidence that one particular clock was accurate.

The second performance

November 14 The crack occurred after the first performance and was gone before the last. Only the middle performance remains.

Three witnesses or one?

One Follow the citations backwards. Both later accounts lead to the same witness. Repetition adds no second observation.

The undated field letter

May 4 or May 11 Add one day to each documented market. The dates between the two candidates have no support.