



# LOS ALAMOS HISTORY MUSEUM

## HOMESTEADING ERA SCAVENGER HUNT for YOUNG LEARNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

### DIRECTIONS

Look for outdoor signs to help you find information for the hunt. We'd love to see what you come up with for the photo challenges below! Share your photos online with #LosAlamosHistory.

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### PHOTO CHALLENGE #1

Take a photo outside the Romero Cabin as if you're ready for a day's work or you're coming back after a long day on the farm. (Be careful not to step in the flower beds in front of the cabin—these are the original irises that the Romeros planted!)

### PHOTO CHALLENGE #2

Visit one of the other sites on the Homestead Driving Tour ([losalamoshistory.org/homesteadtour](http://losalamoshistory.org/homesteadtour)) and take a photo of yourself next to the sign.

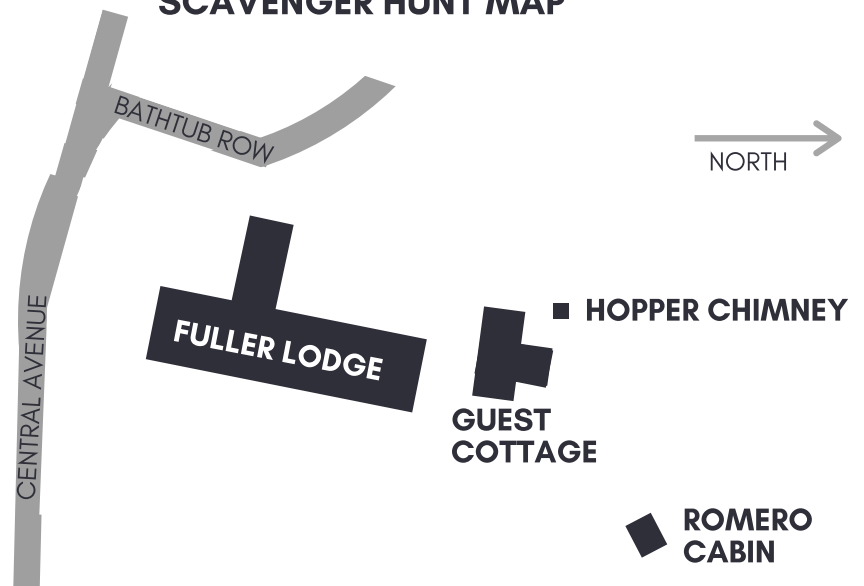


### NAME:

*Homesteading began here in 1887. Most of the homesteaders were Hispano families from the Española Valley. Homesteading stopped here abruptly when the U.S. government seized the plateau for the Manhattan Project.*

**Talk about:** What would be different if you lived during homesteading times? What would be the same?

### SCAVENGER HUNT MAP



### ROMERO CABIN

1. Write two important dates in the cabin's history and explain what happened in those years.

2. How did the Romeros and other Hispano homesteaders schedule their years?



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## ROMERO CABIN

3. The Romero family did not homestead on this land where you are standing, but the cabin is in front of you. Why is it here?

4. What was a major crop grown by homesteaders?

5. Who homesteaded here next to his mother and a friend? Would you like to run farms with a friend?

## HOPPER CHIMNEY

6. Why do you think the chimney of this building is still here but not the rest of the house?

## FULLER LODGE LAWN

7. Today, when we want to visit the Española Valley we can drive there in less than half an hour. Most homesteaders had wagons pulled by horses, and it took half the day to get from here to the valley. What would you have taken with you on that trip?

8. Some homesteaders also did work for their neighbor, the Los Alamos Ranch School. Adolfo Montoya owned a homestead and was the gardener for the school. Imagine this lawn with flowers and vegetable gardens. If you were helping Mr. Montoya, what would you plant here?

**NOW THAT YOU'RE DONE** Look at the **talk about** question on the front of this sheet. Do you have any different thoughts about it now?

