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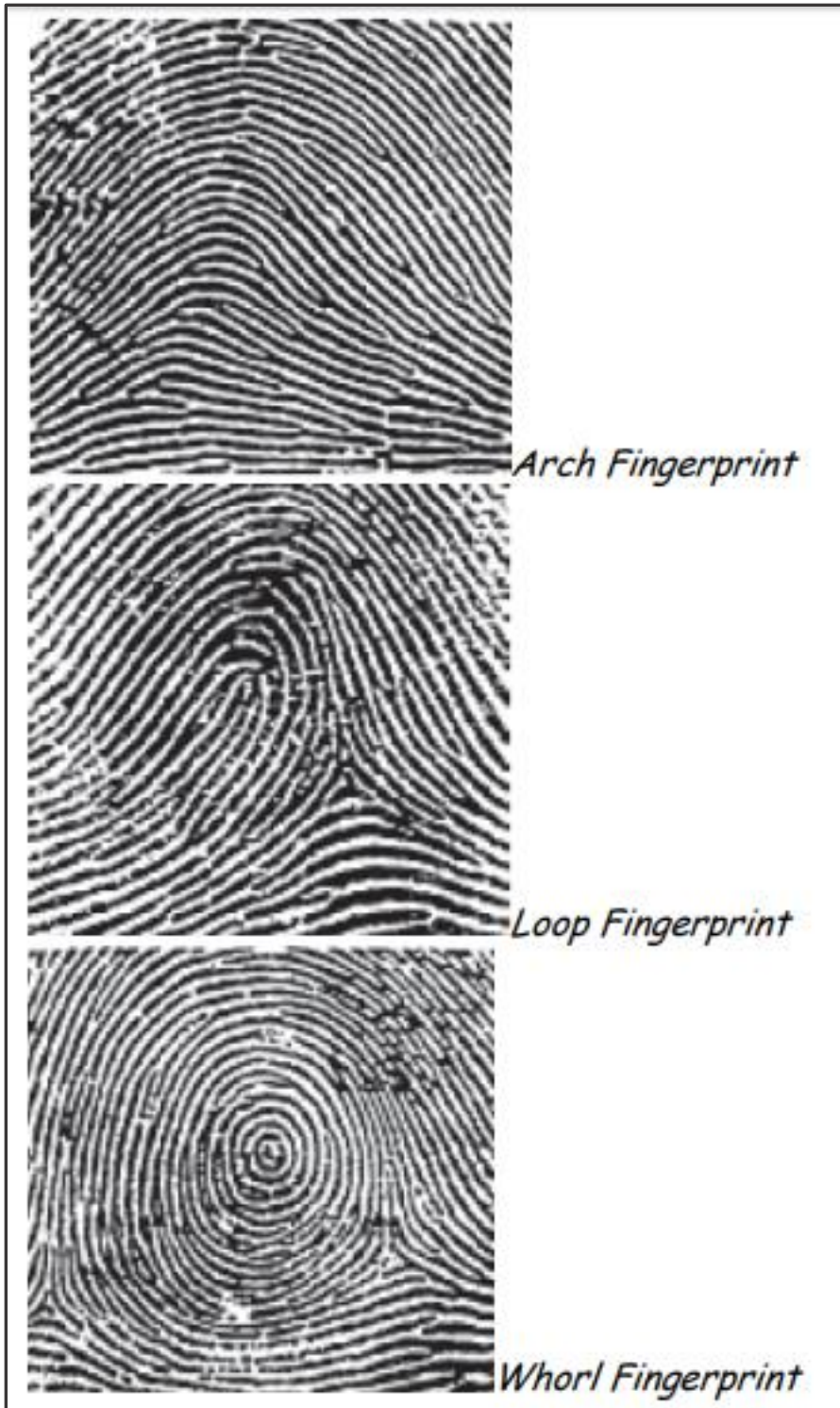
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### **3 Main types of Fingerprints**

This 3 Main Types of Fingerprints information sheet was created to be used along side the All About Me Book. It allows students to get a closer look at the 3 main types of fingerprints in a hope that they can decipher what type of fingerprint they have. Interesting topic. The information on this educational sheet is meant to be used at a station or for a parent/child scenario. Happy learning!



There are 3 main forms of patterns that are made by the ridges of fingerprints.

### 1) Loops

Loops make up almost 70% of fingerprint patterns. They originate from one side of the finger, curve around or upward, before exiting out the other side. A loop pattern always comprises one delta, which is roughly a triangular formation in the pattern.

### 2) Arches

Arches are encountered in only 5% of the patterns, and comprise lines that slope upward and then down, like the outline of a small hill. There is generally no delta.

### 3) Whorls

Whorls constitute around 25% of all patterns. They are circular or spiral patterns. A pattern that contains 2 or more deltas will always be a whorl pattern.