

What's in the Vest Pocket

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Cameras play a role in “redefining the relationship between seeing and knowing” (Harper, 2000, p. 718). According to Harper, the use of cameras has remained essentially the same since the camera was invented in the 19th century. He notes that equipment such as the telescope and camera allow us to “see a more profound reality than could be observed by the eye ... the legitimacy of science came to be based in large part on its claim to describe the world in visual terms. In this way the eye became the privileged sense of science, and of modernism” (p. 718).

The Kodak Senior Six-20 camera was produced between 1932 and 1937, with a selling price of \$38 (www.kodak.com). The camera was easy to transport in a vest pocket or purse due to its light weight, folding style, and plastic case. Designed to produce good quality pictures for the general public, Kodak Senior Six-20 cameras were also used for portrait photography and capturing small images at close range (Adams, 1980). Mass produced in the 1930s, the Kodak Senior Six-20 is considered a collectable camera with a low value (i.e., \$15) (Huxford, 1997).

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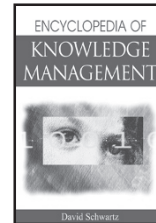
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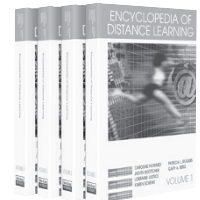
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