



## Learning About the Past from Artifacts

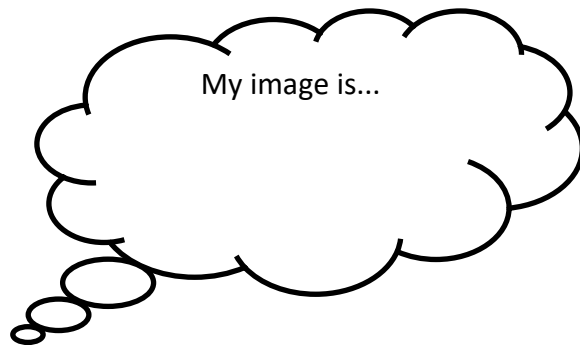
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Museums help us learn about the past by collecting artifacts. What is an artifact? It's anything that has been used by people. Three kinds of artifacts are images, objects, and documents.

Imagine you are a detective, finding clues in the artifacts. By making observations, asking questions, and recording information, you can find information that solves the mysteries of the past.


### 1) Observing Images

Look closely at the image from about 100 years ago. Brainstorm all the things that you notice or observe. Write down as many observations as you can.



## 2) Recording Information: Objects

One way to record information about an object is by drawing a picture of an object. Look at the Safety Lamp closely and draw the best picture you can in the space below. No detail is too small!



## 3) Asking Questions: Documents

We also learn from artifacts by asking good questions about them. Look at the two documents, and write down as many questions as you can. Questions often ask who, what, when, where, why, and how.

*Think: How could you find answers to your questions?*

**Be a History Detective:** Think about the clues you have observed, recorded, and asked questions about. What have you learned about the past from these artifacts?

