

You are a detective! It's your job to help Mr. Herbert History learn all about the artifacts that were found in her attic. An artifact is an object made and used by people, so artifacts are all around us! Use your investigative skills to unlock the clues your artifact provides. Remember, as a detective you need to make close observations and record your notes and ideas.

**Description: What do I know?**

1. Use the magnifying glass. What color(s) is your artifact?

Draw a picture of your artifact:



2. Use the ruler. What are the measurements of your artifact?
3. Use the scale. How much does your artifact weigh?
4. What material(s) is your object made of?
5. This artifact is...
  - a. Make a guess about what the artifact is. Why is this your guess?

**Investigation Questions: What do I wonder?**

Write three questions you have about your artifact.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Research: What have I learned?**

Write down the most important information you learned while researching your artifact.

**Conclusions**

Think about what you will tell Mr. History about her artifact.

1. What is this artifact?
2. How was this artifact used?
3. What kind of person might have used this artifact?
4. Do we use anything like this artifact today? If yes, what? If not, why not?
5. What is your favorite thing about this artifact? Should Ms. Nostalgia save this artifact or give it away? Why?