

# ChicagoHistoryMuseum

## World's Fair Riddles

### READ:

People often collect different types of objects called souvenirs to help them remember places they visit and the fun they had. Perhaps it is a postcard, a stuffed toy, or a t-shirt. The word souvenir comes from the French word that means “to remember,” which is why we buy souvenirs, to help us remember. People who visited the 1893 World’s Fair brought back all kinds of souvenirs. They could be something wearable like pins and badges, or something to display in the house like spoons or paperweights. Some souvenirs were really unusual like handkerchiefs and flattened pennies! Others were advertisements for companies with products being displayed at the Fair like Heinz pickle charms or a glass hatchet made by the Libbey Glass Company.

For more about the Fair, read or listen to “Best of the Fair” <http://chicagohistoryresources.org/greatchicagostories/worldsfair/story.html>

### DO:

Which souvenirs would you collect on a pretend visit to the Fair?

- **Match** the riddle to the photo of the souvenir.
- **Look** at your favorite souvenir and analyze it using the “Souvenir Analysis Sheet.”
- **Draw** a picture of your favorite souvenir!
- **Make** your own version of your favorite souvenir out of clay, play dough, or building toys!

**Approx. Time:** 30—45 minutes

#### Materials:

- ⇒ Drawing supplies, crayons, markers, etc.
- ⇒ Paper/pen
- ⇒ Optional: Clay/Play Dough

### SHARE:

- **Show** your drawings and recreated souvenirs family members.
- **Post** pictures of your souvenirs and drawings on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.



1893 World's Fair Souvenirs, ICHI-o668181

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Match the riddle to the correct picture! Check your answers on the following page!

1. I might be fit for a King,  
Shaped for magic to bring,  
Given as a gift for creative design,  
Burnham says, you're all mine.



2. Although I look like spear,  
My use was once clear.  
I'm here to help you eat,  
A nice green treat!



3. I help to flavor your food,  
Making things sweet is not what I do.  
My shape is easy to spot,  
Visit a chicken coop and you'll see me a lot!



4. I feature a picture of a famous wheel,  
Though I give people a different kind of feel,  
Because I help give off a certain heat,  
The city of Chicago doesn't think I'm a treat.



# SPOILER Alert: Answers are on this page!

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1. C — Ceremonial scepter given to Daniel Burnham for his work to organize the World' Fair. ICHI- 040930



2. D — Pickle Fork souvenir from Wichert's Pickle Company. ICHI- 066818



3. B — Egg Shaped Salt Shaker made by Libbey Glass Company for the 1893 World's Fair. ICHI- 066651



4. A — Match case with an engraving of the Ferris Wheel. The other side shows the Administration Building. ICHI- 066809

# Analyzing a Souvenir

Pick your favorite souvenir.

Use the questions to help you look closer at it.

What do you think this souvenir is made out of?

Who do you think used it?

What made this a good souvenir?

Draw a picture of your artifact here!

