

TIPS FOR ASSEMBLING YOUR ARTIFACT KIT

Creating your own custom artifact kit is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Here are a few places to get started. This list includes affordable sources for both authentic artifacts and replicas.

AUTHENTIC ARTIFACTS

eBay

www.ebay.com

Mass-produced popular culture objects like souvenirs, toys, and household goods can often be found on eBay for reasonable prices.

Broadway Antique Market

6130 N. Broadway Avenue, Chicago

www.bamchicago.com

This 20,000-square-foot Art Deco building boasts two floors with more than 75 dealers specializing in 20th century art, objects, and furniture.

Brown Elephant

3651 N. Halsted Street and 5404 N. Clark Street, Chicago

www.howardbrown.org/hb_brownelephant.asp

These resale shops are associated with the Howard Brown Health Center, and their revenue helps uninsured clients. Stock changes frequently, so it is worth visiting more than once.

Kouks Vintage Café

5653 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago

Phone: 773.594.8888

Stop by this combination coffee house/antique store for a snack or a hot drink while you browse vintage clothes, jewelry, furniture, and more.

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REPLICAS

Smoke & Fire

www.smoke-fire.com

Specializes in reproduction of colonial, Scottish, and Medieval goods, including kitchen gadgets, toys, and games

Jas. Townsend & Son, Inc.

www.jas-townsend.com

Features 18th- and 19th-century reproduction items, including military camp gear, household items, and period music

Amazon Dry Goods

www.amazondrygoods.com

Offers reproduction clothing, accessories, and toiletries, primarily from the Victorian era

Williamsburg Marketplace

www.williamsburgmarketplace.com

Colonial Williamsburg's online store features reproduction kits on different topics. Click on "Educational Resources" and then "Hands on History."

C. & C. Sutlery

www.ccsutlery.com

This site focuses on Civil War reproductions.

Dover Publications

<http://store.doverpublications.com>

Offers many period reprints, including propaganda posters and mail-order catalogs.

Chicago History Museum

www.chicagohistory.org

The Museum's site contains many links to digital images of artifacts, documents, and photographs. Try the *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, the *Chicago Daily News* database, and *Great Chicago Stories*. Still can't find what you're looking for? Visit our Research Center.

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STORAGE

Archival Methods

www.archivalmethods.com

Archival-quality boxes, binders, and plastic sleeves to keep your artifacts, documents, and photographs in good condition for the next group of students.

DON'T FORGET TO . . .

Browse flea markets, antique stores, and garage sales.

Search your own house. Look for "outdated" household goods and products.

Consider having students look at contemporary "mystery" objects to develop visual literacy skills. Specialty kitchen items are particularly good for this.

Use simple tools to enhance the investigative experience for students, including magnifying glasses, rulers, scales, and white gloves.