

# History Detective

## READ:

Imagine you are a detective looking for clues to solve mysteries. The agency you work for is special, because you focus on solving historical mysteries. Today, you have been hired by a client, Ms. Nora Nostalgia, who recently moved into a very old house, built in 1881 (can you do the math to figure out how old her house is?). Over the years, many families have lived in the home, and they sometimes left things behind when they moved. Ms. Nostalgia found a trunk in her attic, full of mysterious artifacts! There were also some tags with information about the objects, but they fell off and now everything is mixed up! She has turned to your detective agency to help her identify the objects and find out how they were used. She hopes this will help her better understand the lives of the people who used to live in her house. She is also curious how the past affects us today. Do we still use any items like these? How have things changed over time?

## DO:

- **Use** your Detective Notebook sheets to take a close look at pictures of the mysterious artifacts Nora Nostalgia found in her attic. Notice as many details as possible. (If you have a magnifying glass it may help!)
- **Make** at least one observation about each object and record them on your Detective Notebook sheets.
- **Match** the tags to the right artifact. Cut them out and glue or tape them with their artifact.
- **Write** your final ideas in the “Case Closed” section of your Detective Notebook.
- **Talk** about your findings with a family member. What object of your own would you save for people to discover and learn from many years from now?

**Approx. Time:** 30—45 minutes

### Materials:

- ⇒ Detective Notebook
- ⇒ Mystery Artifact Tags
- ⇒ Magnifying Glass (optional)
- ⇒ Scissors
- ⇒ Glue/Tape
- ⇒ Writing Supplies

## SHARE:

- **Take** pictures of your Detective Notebook Sheets! If possible record yourself sharing your findings with Nora Nostalgia.
- **Post** pictures of your detective note book on social media with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.



(Your Name)

# Detective Notebook:

## Case: Nora Nostalgia's Mystery Artifacts



I See:

Glue Tag Here



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Glue Tag Here



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I See:

Glue Tag Here



I See:

Glue Tag Here

(Your Name)

# Detective Notebook:

## Case: Nora Nostalgia's Mystery Artifacts



I See:

Glue Tag Here



I See:

Glue Tag Here

# Case: Nora Nostalgia's Mystery Artifacts

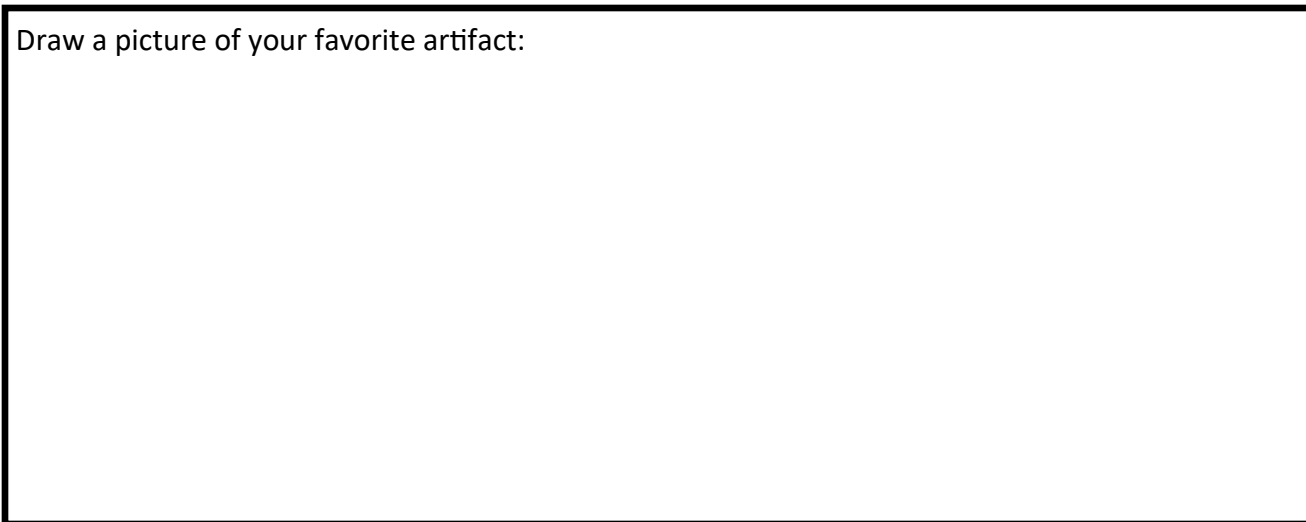
My favorite artifact is:

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Because:

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Draw a picture of your favorite artifact:



# Case: Nora Nostalgia's Mystery Artifacts

## Artifact Tags

Ten years after the Great Chicago Fire, we moved into this house. We kept these, which the kids used to love to play with, as a reminder of what our family had survived.

I attended the amazing World's fair of 1893 when I was a child. As an adult I was lucky enough to go to the next fair Chicago hosted in 1933. I bought this button as a souvenir to remember how much fun I had at both!

*This came with our first color set. We thought it was amazing! It put a stop to a lot of arguments about who had to get off the couch to turn to our viewing pick but started other disagreements about who got to be in control.*

*My kids loved playing for hours with these and tried to make buildings worthy of a President of the United States!*

I wore this for years, and it was one of my most favorite items from my closet! I went to the annual summer clearance sale at the Bes-Ben store, when for one day only, everything cost \$5. The store owner threw it into the crowd, and I was the lucky lady who caught it!

I wore these for protection when I worked at US Steel during the 1970s. They helped me stay safe and comfortable during a long day on the job!





# Case: Nora Nostalgia's Mystery Artifacts

## Spoilers



### Melted Marbles

Ten years after the Great Chicago Fire, we moved into this house. We kept these, which the kids used to love to play with, as a reminder of what our family had survived.



### Bes Ben Hat

I wore this for years, and it was one of my most favorite items from my closet! I went to the annual summer clearance sale at the Bes-Ben store, when for one day only, everything cost \$5. The store owner threw it into the crowd, and I was the lucky lady who caught it!



### Zenith TV Remote Control

This came with our first color set. We thought it was amazing! It put a stop to a lot of arguments about who had to get off the couch to turn to our viewing pick but started other disagreements about who got to be in control.



### Steel Toed Boots

I wore these for protection when I worked at US Steel during the 1970s. They helped me stay safe and comfortable during a long day on the job!



### Lincoln Logs

My kids loved playing for hours with these and tried to make buildings worthy of a President of the United States!



### I Was There Button

I attended the amazing World's fair of 1893 when I was a child. As an adult I was lucky enough to go to the next fair Chicago hosted in 1933. I bought this button as a souvenir to remember how much fun I had at both!