

Grade Eight Social Studies
What do Artifacts tell us about the Past?

Name: _____

Class: _____

Physical objects or **artifacts** help preserve (keep safe) the history of a family, individual or place. It also helps us to understand and learn about our past.

For this assignment find an older, important object that is special to your family (artifact or heirloom). Examples: photo, book, piece of clothing, medal, etc..

Take a picture of this item and email it to your teacher. Be prepared to share the story of the object with your class. If the object is not easy to get, find a picture of a similar artifact from the internet and email it to your teacher. Answer the questions below.

You must answer the following questions in the space provided and hand them in to your teacher.

1. What is the artifact? (2 marks)

2. What was it used for? (2 marks)

3. Who owned and used it? (2 marks)

4. How old is the artifact? (2 marks)

5. Why has your family kept it for so many years? (2 marks)

Presentation (5 marks)

You will present the picture of the artifact to your teacher and classmates. You will share the history of your artifact and tell us why it is special to your family.

Total: 15 marks

Due Date: _____