

Cupboard Archaeology

We own many objects because they serve a purpose or do a job, but we also keep many objects because we consider them to be valuable. This could be that they cost a lot of money or that they have been handed to us and are very sentimental, or belonged to someone who is no longer with us.

The story of our objects

All objects tell a story and all objects provide historians with plenty of information. We would like you to dig through your belongings (with a guardians consent first) and list four objects below which are considered, in your house, to be valuable. Then, make a note of the following:



- What is it made of?
- What colour and shape is it?
- Are there any notable marks on the object?
- Are there any inscriptions or labels?
- What size is the object? (measure the length, width ,and height if you can)
- What condition is the object in?
- Where was your object kept?
- How old is the object?

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Whilst we can describe objects and learn a lot from them, sometimes the interest lies in the stories we attach to them. Answer the questions below to tell us more about your objects. You may pick one object for all the questions, or tell us a bit about all of them, feel free to continue on an extra sheet.

How did this object come to be in your house?

What memories are attached to this object?

Do you have plans for this item in the future? (ie. would you hand it down? Sell it? Or is the object perhaps only valuable to you?)

What can this object tell us about the past or present?

Draw your object in this box

