

## Exploring Objects and Specimens

Imagine that you are working in a museum and discover some objects and specimens hidden in storage. You want to learn more about them. Using the following questions, create a record of some of the different objects and specimens. You can use the record sheet on the next page.

Explore the Nova Scotia Museum collection: <https://museum.novascotia.ca/collections-research/made-used-found/gallery> or select an object from your home to explore more closely.

1. Take a closer look – look at the object or specimen closely. Zoom in to look at the details. If you can, look at the object from all sides (front, back, left, right, top, and bottom). Describe the colour, shape, and texture (how might it feel?).
2. What is the object or specimen made of? Describe what clues you see for your answer. (Is it made of wood and cloth? Is it a type of rock or mineral? It's okay if you're not sure – we're exploring!).
3. Use – What could this object or specimen be used for in the past, present, and future? Who might have used it? Why would it come to a museum? Have you seen this object or specimen before? If yes, where?
4. Sketch the object or specimen – Try drawing your object or specimen. You could try to draw it from different angles and perspectives.

*Adapted from Ackland print resource Look, Write, Draw (PDF available on website)*

**Exploring Objects and Specimens – Record Sheet**

<p>Are you using an object from home? Measure it to record: Length: _____ cm Height: _____ cm Width: _____ cm</p>	<p><b>Look:</b> What is your object or specimen made of?</p>
<p><b>Write:</b> Describe your object or specimen in 2 or 3 sentences including color, shape, and texture.</p>	
<p><b>Sketch:</b> Draw your object or specimen. Be as detailed as possible. You may include 2 or more views (eg. Top, bottom, left side, right side, front, back)</p>	
<p><b>Think:</b> What could this object or specimen be used for? Who may have used it? Have you seen it before?</p>	

