

At-Home Historical Scavenger Hunt

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It's time to become a **Historian** within your own house! Are you ready?

1) Everyone playing is to go explore the house. Try to find something you think is the **OLDEST** object in your house. If it is too big to carry you will have to remember your choice (or carry a piece of paper and draw it!). But if you can, bring the object and collect back together as a group. Discuss each object as a group answering these questions:

- What is it?
- How many years old do you think it is?
- Why does it seem old?
- Are there newer versions of this object? Are the newer versions better or worse? Why?
- Could you live without this item? Why/ Why not?
- Do you like it? Why/ Why not?

2) Seek & Find (Find the objects, either collect them or write down what they are!) & share!

- Find an object that is strange: _____
- Find an object that is very special to you: _____
- Find an **older** object that you wish you had a new version of:

- Find an object you think would AMAZE someone from the past:

Follow-up Discussion:

- What makes an object special?
- What do you think would be the coolest thing about living 100 years ago?
What would be the worst thing?
- If you had to pack up and leave, what 5 things (objects) would you take and why?

At-Home Crafting Activity

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Make Your Own Thaumatrope

(First: Practice saying the word... thaw-ma-trope)



What is a *thaumatrope*?

The Thaumatrope is a Victorian toy made from a simple disk or card featuring a different picture on each side and attached to two pieces of string or a dowel. When the strings are twirled rapidly the card spins and the two images appear to combine. Invented by John Ayrton Paris (1785-1856).

1) Materials needed:

- Paper
- Pencils/ Markers/ Crayons (any will do)
- Glue or tape
- Stick of some kind (popsicle stick, twig from outside, wooden skewer, straw)

2) Fold a white piece of paper in half and cut out 2 identical circles (with the paper cut in half you only have to cut one circle and you will end up with 2!). To cut a perfect circle you could use a large circular cookie cutter, or simply trace something that is round (like the bottom of a can!).

3) Draw 2 different pictures on both circles. These pictures should be related and blend together. For example:

- A person + wings = angel
- A bird + cage = a bird in a cage
- Dolphin + ocean with fish = a dolphin swimming in the ocean
- Bumblebee + flower = a bumble bee on a flower
- A spaceship + outer space with planets = a spaceship in outer space



4) Once your pictures are complete, use tape or glue to attach your stick to the backside of one of the pictures, then sandwich the two pictures together (pictures facing out!). Then hold the stick in the palm of your hands and rub your hand together. The stick will spin back and forth and your pictures will combine to form one picture!