

# MYSTERY ARTIFACTS: ARE THEY IN YOUR HOME?

## THEME: DINING ROOM

Museums collect and care for many artifacts. You might be amazed to find some of these “artifacts” are frequently used in your home! Can you find a modern “artifact” in your home?



The dictionary describes an artifact as an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.

### Directions:

1. Go to [www.kalamazoomuseum.org](http://www.kalamazoomuseum.org)
2. Select the History & Collections tab
3. Click Searchable Collection Database
4. In the search box put in the numbers and search

### ARTIFACT ITEMS:

28.508	42.67.E
94.86.10	94.86.9
42.67.I	42.67.G
2000.47.6	40.12
29.567	28.399

### What is the item?

Look at the picture and figure out what it is made from. Discuss your ideas with your family.

You will find some interesting materials. They are sometimes listed to the right of the item.

Now look in your home. If you do not have a dining room, look in your kitchen.

Do you have the same or a newer model of this item?

How is your “artifact” different from the one in our Collection Database?

Is your “artifact” made from different materials? A different design, color, or shape? What is your “artifact” used for? Are both artifacts used the same way?

If you do not have the “artifact” in your home, what do you use instead?

