

MYSTERY ARTIFACTS: ARE THEY IN YOUR HOME?

THEME: ENTRYWAY CLOSET

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
2. Select the History & Collections tab
3. Click Searchable Collection Database
4. In the search box put in the numbers and search

ARTIFACT ITEMS:

46.39.A	79.225
83.82	2007.65.24
2013.26.1	46.189
59.25	55.237
60.752	78.4688

What is the item?

Look at the picture and try to 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 entryway or closet. 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?

