

MYSTERY ARTIFACTS: ARE THEY IN YOUR HOME?

THEME: TECHNOLOGY OLD VS. NEW #1

Museums collect and care for many artifacts. You might be amazed to find some of these “artifacts” are frequently used in your home! We are going to look at a pattern of old technology and new technology.



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:

78.4528	65.327
78.4858	94.48.4
97.16.1	IN.107
2000.38.1	99.7.5.2
2003.74.1	81.28

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.

What is the size of the artifact?

What is the power source for the artifact?

Now look in your home. 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 items used the same way?

If you do not have that artifact in your home, what replaced it?

Have you discovered a pattern for the “new technology?”

What *pattern* did you find in your search of old vs. new technology?

What *ONE* item can do all of the above functions for all of the artifacts you discovered?