

Artifact "I Am" Poem

Objects inspire us in many ways. Some people have been so thrilled by artifacts in museums that they wrote poems about what they saw. For this activity, use the prompts to write your own artifact-inspired poem. Use blank or scrap paper so you have space to illustrate (draw a picture)!

- 1) Choose an artifact that interests you – an object you use every day, or one from our [collection](#).
- 2) Spend a minute looking at the object.
- 3) Think about how this object is used. Where did it come from? Who might have used it?
- 4) Fill in the following prompts as if you ARE the object.



Example:

I am an oil lamp

Made of:

clay from the earth

If you touch me, I feel like:

a brick

I show my colors: orange, brown
, and black

I hear the sounds of: nighttime

I see:

flickering shadows

I hope you:

can see by my light

I am an oil lamp

I am [name of object]:

Made of :

If you touch me, I feel like:

I show my colors: _____ ,
_____, and _____

I hear the sounds of

I see

I hope you

I am [repeat name of object from label]
