Artifact “I Spy”

Let’s play a game of “I Spy” with artifacts! Use our clues that describe a mystery artifact, either at home or in our collection. Try one of the activities below, or all three!

**Activity One:** Use our “I Spy” clues to identify mystery artifacts around your home.

**Activity Two:** Use our “I Spy” clues to identify mystery artifacts in our collection. Use our [Online Collections Tools](#) and search for terms mentioned in our clues.

**Activity Three:** Use our “I Spy” clues to identify mystery artifacts on our [Virtual Tours](#). These tours move quickly, so look closely!

**BONUS Activity:** Continue the fun by thinking of your own clues! One person is “It” and thinks of an artifact (keep it to yourself!) Think of a clue that describes your artifact, without giving away what it is. Other players try their best to guess the mystery artifact based on that clue.
Activity One: Home Artifact “I Spy”

Use our “I Spy” clues to identify mystery artifacts around your home. Draw a picture or write the answer in the box to the right. At the end, see if you can come up with your own clues.

Example: I spy something that I can wear on my head... A cozy winter hat!

1. I spy something I can use to write my name...

2. I spy something that helps me see in the dark...

3. I spy something that opens and shuts....

Your turn! What do you spy?
Activity Two: Museum Artifact “I Spy”

Use our “I Spy” clues to identify mystery artifacts in our collection. Use our Online Collections Tools and search for terms mentioned in our clues. Draw a picture or write the answer in the box to the right. At the end, see if you can come up with your own clues.

Example: I spy something that glitters with gold… Queen Puabi’s headdress!

1. I spy something metal that would protect me in battle…

2. I spy a container that helps me carry water...

3. I spy an animal that is made of stone …

Your turn! What do you spy?
Activity Three: Virtual Tour “I Spy”

Use our “I Spy” clues to identify mystery artifacts on our Virtual Tours. These tours move quickly, so look closely! Draw a picture or write the answer in the box to the right. At the end, see if you can come up with your own clues.

Example: I Spy a pharaoh sitting on his throne in the Egypt Gallery... It’s Ramses II!

1. I Spy a bird carved in ivory in the Africa Gallery...

2. I Spy six white bulls standing in a row in the Middle East Galleries...

3. I Spy clothing with bright red stripes in the Mexico & Central America Gallery...

Your turn! What do you spy?