

TRY THIS AT HOME!

TEST YOUR DETECTIVE SKILLS BY TAKING THIS POP QUIZ!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

There is a good chance that you will **NOT** see these items on display in the National Museum of American History. Only a fraction of the museum's collection is on view at any given time. When not on view, objects are stored **BEHIND THE SCENES**.

WHAT ARE THESE MYSTERIOUS FINDS?

POP QUIZ



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1. It must be:
 - a. a jar of leeches, once considered a tasty dessert in regions of the United States.
 - b. a jar holding the ashes of someone's pet dog named Leeches.
 - c. a jar of leeches, once used to suck blood from the bodies of sick people.
2. I think this is:
 - a. a mousetrap with a funnel on top that let mice in, and prongs that kept them from escaping.
 - b. a contraption used to separate egg whites from egg yolks.
 - c. a gadget used to grow salt crystals for school science fair projects.
3. This could be:
 - a. a tool for scraping dirt from the bottom of a horse's hooves.
 - b. two lead minie ball bullets that crashed into each other during battle.
 - c. a once-fancy piece of jewelry that melted in a fire at the White House in 1814.
4. This looks like:
 - a. a dresser of drawers for an extremely large family.
 - b. a storage cabinet for kitchen supplies, including utensils and spices.
 - c. a cabinet for holding cards that helped people find books in libraries.

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DRAW ITEMS YOU WOULD FEATURE IN YOUR VERY OWN "MUSEUM OF ME."

MY MUSEUM OF ME!

What do your belongings say about you? If you were to create a museum all about you, what would you display? You are a unique person with hobbies, habits, likes, and dislikes. Which of your belongings would tell your story? **IT'S YOUR MUSEUM—YOU DECIDE!**

TO SHOW WHERE I LIVE:

TO SHOW WHAT SPORTS OR HOBBIES I LIKE:

TO SHOW WHAT I LIKE TO DO FOR FUN:

TO SHOW HOW I LIKE TO DRESS:

TO SHOW MY FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:

TO SHOW SPECIAL TRADITIONS IN MY LIFE:

TO REPRESENT MY FAMILY:

PORTRAIT OF ME:

Pop Quiz Answers: **1. C: Jar of bloodsucking leeches**—For centuries, doctors used leeches to suck blood from sick patients and purchased them from pharmacists who kept them in jars like this one. Aren't you glad doctors do not use them today for medical procedures? **2. A: Mousetrap**—This mousetrap is one example of more than 4,400 that have received patents for the U.S. Patent Office. Could you design a better one? **3. B: Two lead minie ball bullets**—During the Civil War in December 1862 at the Battle of Fredericksburg, these two minie balls flew from opposite sides of the battlefield and collided in midair. What are the chances of this occurrence happening again? **4. C: Library card catalog**—Not long ago, every library had cabinets like this one to hold thousands of catalog cards – arranged in alphabetical order by title, author and subject – for locating books.