



Connecting our community with activities.

PROJECT: 106

## Family Heirlooms

### DETAILS:

Learn more about a family heirloom in your house and “catalog” it like a professional appraiser!

### YOU’LL NEED:

Ruler or Tape Measure  
Paper  
Pencil  
Online Access

### CONNECTING WITH:

**kenfarmer** ART + ANTIQUES  
ADVISOR + APPRAISER

## Learn more about a family heirloom in your house and “catalog” it like a professional appraiser!

With help from a parent or family member do the following:

- Together, choose an heirloom or item in your house that you would like to know more about.
- Use the template on the next page to get started. At the top write what type of object it is. Is it a tea cup, a vase, a painting, or something else?
- With help place the item somewhere you can easily see it but somewhere that it is also safe. Take a careful look...what do you see?
- Using the next page, write down the answers to the following:
  - What color is it?
  - What type of pattern or design does it have?
  - How tall and how wide is it?
  - Do you see any damage to the item? (broken rim, chips, etc)
  - What do you think it was used for?
- Ask your family member how long the item has been in your family to get an idea of how old it is. (It's ok if you're researching something new, too!)
- Together, carefully examine the item. Does it have some sort of marking or writing on it (make sure to check to bottom of your item too!)? If so, write it down. If it is a painting or print does it have a signature or some sort of writing?
- Using the information you have written down, Google your item, ex. “silver teaspoon with grapes marked Rogers Bros.” or “print of sleigh ride marked Currier and Ives” and see what comes up! If you find an image that is similar to your item click it - this is a great way to learn more!
- Other helpful websites to check: Ebay, Etsy, Replacements Limited, and LiveAuctioneers
- If you find more information as you continue your research write it down, if you don't find much information that's ok too - sometimes even professionals have a hard time finding out more!

Good Luck! - Ken Farmer & Team

*P.S. Practice your sketching skills! The last page has sketches of fun antiques: print it out, grab a pencil and trace over the lines. Next, you can practice adding some shading to give the drawings depth.*



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*Practice your sketching skills! Grab a pencil and trace over the lines of the antique drawings, then add shadows for depth.*

