

# Attic Artifacts



## INTRODUCTION

Following World War II, many Americans kept souvenirs of lost loved ones or their time in the war. Many of these artifacts were stored in boxes or trunks and then tucked away in attics, basements, and garages for decades. In this program, students will learn what qualifies as a primary source, and how important they are as sources of information. Students will handle and evaluate images, documents and a variety of artifacts from WWII. The inquiry process students will be applying in this lesson is driven by questioning and critical thinking. Students will progress through six phases as they engage with primary sources.

## OBJECTIVES

- Students will gain knowledge of the characteristics and value of primary sources.
- Students will use a critical thinking inquiry process to analyze primary sources and draw conclusions.

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**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Grades 6-8

**TIME REQUIREMENT:** 1 Hour

## NATIONAL CURRICULUM STANDARDS

All lesson plans meet numerous national Common Core State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects, as well as National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies.

Common Core St Standards		6th - 8th
Standard	<b>RI</b> - Reading Informative Text	4, 7
	<b>W</b> - Writing	7-9
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Nat'l. Curriculum Standards for Social Studies		
Theme	<b>2:</b> Time, Continuity, and Change	Middle Grades