

Let's Take a Closer Look

Welcome to the

ChicagoHistoryMuseum

Here are some tips to spark a conversation about what you see in our exhibitions. You might be surprised by what your group will observe once you help them to take a closer look!

STOP. Have children choose an object that interests them or begin by picking one yourself.

LOOK. Ask the following questions to encourage everyone to notice as much about the object as possible.

READ. You don't need to know all the answers. The labels will help you get more information.

1. Focus: Look for Details

- What words can you use to describe this object?
- What is it made of?
- What are some of its important features?
- What else would you like to know about it?

2. Explore More: Build on What You See

- How do you think this object was used?
- When might it have been used?
- Who might have used it?
- Do you have anything like this at home? Do we use anything like this today?

3. Think It Through: Wrap Up

- Why do you think this object is in the Museum?
- What can it tell us about history or Chicago?

4. Reflections & Connections:

Talk About Your Visit

- What will you remember most about your visit to the Chicago History Museum?
- What is something new you learned?
- If you donated something to the Museum, what would it be? Why?
- What did you see at the Museum that you want to find out more about? How can you find out more about it?

To learn more about Chicago's history, visit our website at www.chicagohistory.org

ChicagoHistoryMuseum

1601 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60614-6038

312.642.4600
www.chicagohistory.org

The Chicago History Museum gratefully acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all of the Museum's activities.