

# Artifact Interview Instructions

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## Tips

- Judge length of interview by time, not question completion.
- Always check to make sure your recorder is on before you start the interview.
- Ensure the individual has consented to giving an audio recording.

## Step 1

Greet, introduce yourself. Thank the participant for coming.

## Step 2

Interview the participant about their artifact. Most people who come to an event like this are excited to share their story and will require little prompting beyond *“tell me about your artifact.”* If you have someone who is slower to tell their story, here are some questions that may help.

- What did you bring today?
- Is there a memory you would like to share about this object?
- Where did it come from?
- Do you know how it was made/who made it? (if it looks handmade)
- Do you have an idea of when this was made?
- Can you show me how to use it? (If it is an item with a use. Ask if they would like to demonstrate using it on video.)
- Is there anything else you would like to say?

## Step 3

Thank the participant again. Remind them of the website and to grab a card on the way out to keep up with the project.