

# Explorer Station

## Artifact Guide



Tour Fun for Visitors in  
Grades 3-5

### What Is an Artifact?

Artifacts are objects that museums collect. They can be unusual or common or old or new, made from natural or manmade materials, and they can consist of a whole item or be parts of an item.

### Walk into an Exhibit

Find a section of the exhibit that interests you and stop.

- 1 What is the name of your section?
- 2 What is the focus of your section?

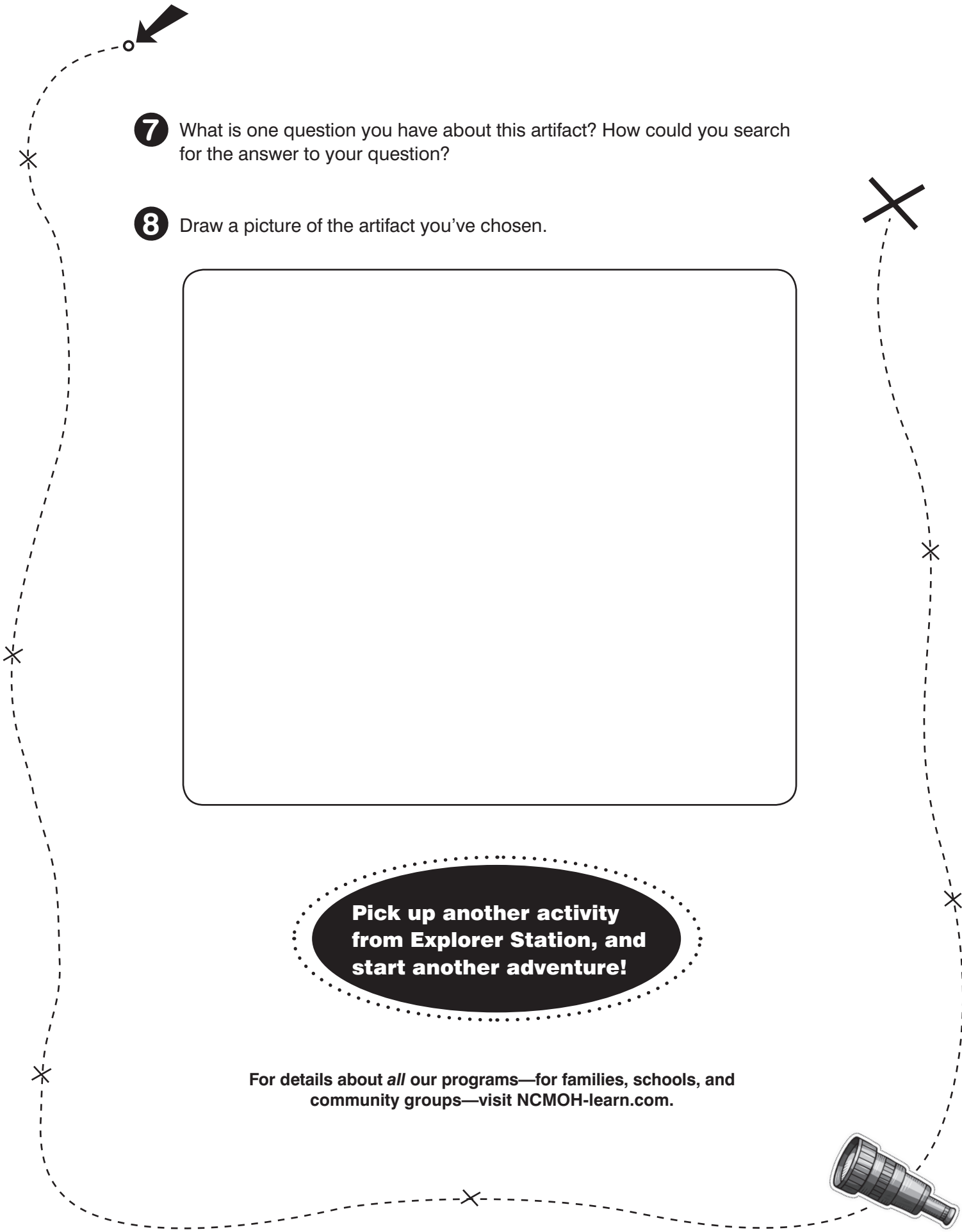
### Choose an Artifact

In your chosen section, locate one artifact that you find interesting. Use this artifact to answer the questions below.

- 3 What artifact did you choose? (If you don't know the name of the artifact, read the label panels and signs around it to look for clues.)
- 4 What about this artifact do you find interesting?
- 5 Describe your artifact with four adjectives (descriptive words). Think about its shape, color, size, function, etc.
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
- 6 Why might this artifact be important to North Carolina history? (Use the signs and label panels nearby to help you answer this question.)

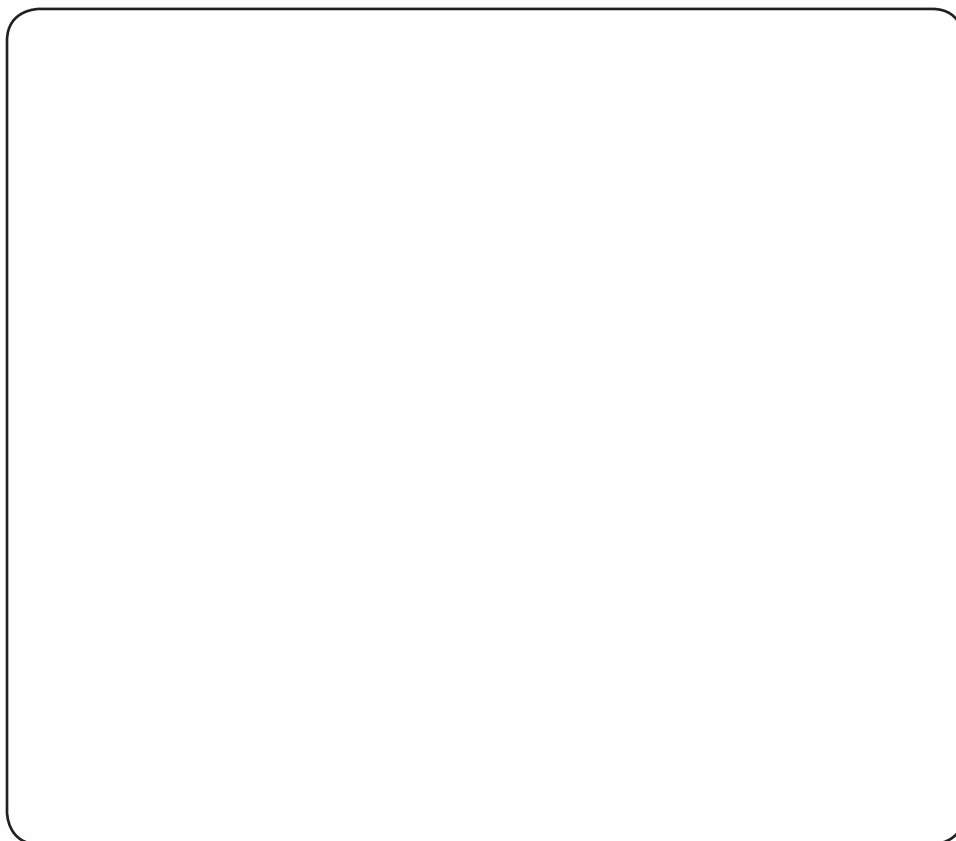
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**7** What is one question you have about this artifact? How could you search for the answer to your question?

**8** Draw a picture of the artifact you've chosen.



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