



# USE **artifacts** TO ASSESS **change**



## Think About

**Artifacts** are objects made by people and used in daily life. An artifact can be a tool, piece of clothing, furniture, form of transportation, or even an ornament. Historical researchers often depend on artifacts to find out how people lived in different time periods.

What is an artifact that you have that might tell someone in the future about ways of life today? Why did you choose this artifact?

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**How have urban and rural communities in Alberta changed?**

Go to [www.projectagriculture.ca/elementary](http://www.projectagriculture.ca/elementary) to find the carousel slide with this guiding question in the **change WITH THE times** topic. Use the information in the carousel slide and the **Cities and Towns Learning Source** to help you complete these learning tasks.



## Search

Explore the artifacts pictured in **Canadian Dairying**, from the **Canadian Agriculture Museum**, found at <http://cafmmuseum.techno-science.ca/doc/research/cafmm/project-canadian-dairying.pdf>. Find other agricultural artifacts on **Canada's Museum of Science and Innovation** website at <http://techno-science.ca/en/collection-research/collection.php>.

- Click on the **Agriculture** group. You can narrow your search by selecting a category. Which artifact intrigues or interests you most? Why?

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## Investigate and Create

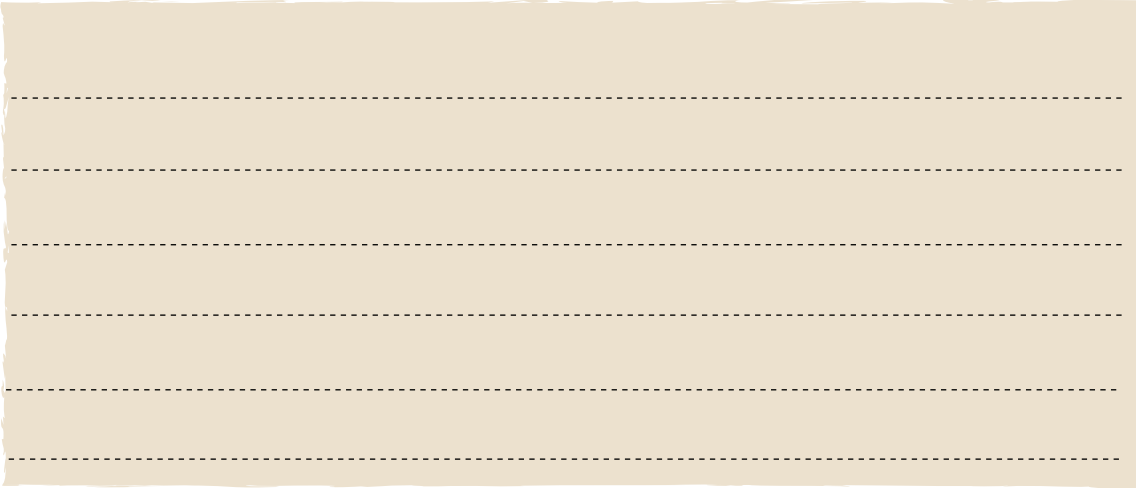
Find examples of agricultural artifacts that are identified in your research sources or identify an artifact that you come across that interests you. Name them in the sidebar. Some examples are provided to start your thinking.

- 🔥 *Horse and buggy*
- 🔥 *Ice house*
- 🔥 *Milk can*
- 🔥 *Milk chute*
- 🔥 *Centrifuge*

Select **one** artifact. Sketch it in the box below. What do you think this artifact could tell you about the ways of life of people who used it?

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How do you think artifacts can be used to provide evidence of change and progress?



Is your artifact still used today? Describe how it is used. How has new technology been developed to meet the needs that this artifact was designed for?

