

Mini-Lab 2: Objects**Due Date: Thurs 1/28/10**

In your last mini-lab, you explored a website – the “Wet With Blood” web exhibit of the Chicago Historical Society – built around historical objects of the 1865 Lincoln assassination at: <http://chicagohistory.org/wetwithblood/>. In this assignment, you’ll consider objects as historical evidence.

Write a 2-page, double-spaced paper considering ONE of the following questions:

- Choose a different object in the Chicago Historical Society collection, not Mrs. Lincoln’s cloak (it doesn’t have to be related to Lincoln – you can see more items in their collection at chicagohistory.org/research by browsing under “Special Resources.” For example, the Chicago Fire site has “souvenirs” and the History Files have “artifacts.”) Describe the object. Assess its historical value. Suggest some hypotheses or conclusions which a historian might draw from examining this object. What can it “tell” us?
- Choose an object that belongs to you or your family which is more than 50 years old. What is it? Where is it? What condition is it in? Why is this object important to you or your family? What might I be able to learn about you or your family by studying this object?

Submit your paper in class, in hard copy, with a title. No late work accepted.

I am looking for clear, focused, grammatically correct writing, and for persuasive and specific argument.