

# Writing Museum Descriptions

## Handout D

Museums use labels, or placards, to tell visitors about the items on display. This is an example of the information and layout of a museum placard:

***Title of Artifact, year it was made.***

**Type of Artifact** (For example painting, newspaper, or speech)

**Artifact Source** (Who made it or where it was found)

### Description

Interesting and important historical information about the artifact. This section should be about a paragraph in length.

Directions: Choose an artifact. Then use a box below to create a museum placard for the artifact. You can use the information with the artifact, Abraham Lincoln timeline, the lesson reading, and lesson video to create your description of the artifact. The description that you write should help visitors learn about Lincoln's life and leadership.

### “Life and Leadership of Abraham Lincoln” Artifact Descriptions

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Artifact, year

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Type of Artifact

From \_\_\_\_\_

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Artifact Source

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