



Create Your Own Museum Vocabulary List

Artifacts: objects that were made or used by people in the past, giving us information about the way they lived.

Curator: the person in charge of an exhibition at a museum.

Pewter: a metal alloy made mostly of tin; used to fashion tools for eating and serving.

Earthenware: a ceramic made of slightly porous clay that is fired at a low temperature.

Fragments: parts broken off from an item.

Padlock: a removable lock.

Slipware: pottery coated with slip (a wet clay), either as a decoration or to improve the surface.

Midden: a trash pile, or a deposit of debris, rubbish, or other byproducts of human activities, such as animal bones, shells, and other discarded items. Middens provide important clues for archeologists, helping them learn about the people who threw away these items.

Alloy: a substance made by combining two or more metals.

Musket: a heavy rifle.

Implements: devices used to perform a task.

Shackle: a device that restrains the arms or legs.

Wrought iron: a tough, bendable form of iron.

Porringer: a low bowl that has a single handle.