



## Top 10 Artifacts

Suggested Grades: 9-12

Have you been assigned a research project and not sure where to start? [NovaMuse.ca](http://NovaMuse.ca) is here to help! Visit the website to explore museum artifacts from across Nova Scotia. For this activity, you will be asked to follow these four simple steps to conduct your research:

- 1) Identify your research topic - Have you been assigned a topic? If not, what interests you?
- 2) Explore NovaMuse and select 10 objects that relate to your topic
- 3) Review the artifact record for each item and ask yourself: *Who* would have used this item? *What* was its purpose? *Where* was it made? *When* was it used? *Why* was it valuable? And, *How* was it used? Make note of your answers.
- 4) Develop a 5-10 minute presentation on your top 10 artifacts to share what you have learned with your class. What story does each artifact tell? How does it relate to the history of Nova Scotia? How does it relate to what you have learned in the classroom so far?

**Teachers** – Are you looking for a group activity? No problem! Divide your class into groups of 3-5 students. Ask your students to follow steps 1-4 and then encourage them to present their findings as a group.