

Storied Objects

Whether we realize it or not, the objects that we interact with every day affect the ways that we live our lives. This includes the food you eat, the coffee you drink, and even the computer that you're using to read this assignment sheet. That being said, not all objects hold a cultural or personal significance to us. In this paper, you will explore your relationship to your own cultural or personal background through a selected object.

What You Will Do:

For this paper, I want you to explore your relationship to a selected object and explain the ways that this object represents your culture or background. The object can be something simple or complex, big or small, specific or general. It just should represent a component of your identity.

In addition to explaining your personal relationship to this object, I also expect you to conduct research that talks about the histories and uses of the object and cultures you're discussing. For instance, maybe it's used in other cultures in different ways. Maybe the object's uses and iterations have shifted throughout history. I expect your research to supplement your description of your relationship to the object and culture to give a more formal and descriptive explanation of the object. This means that your paper will be a blending of personal writing and research-oriented writing.

Details for Final Paper:

- Write 1,700-2,200 words
- 12-point font
- Use MLA style for paper citations (visit [Purdue OWL](#) for citation instructions)
- Use at least three sources for your paper
- Submit by attaching document to Google Classroom Assignment

Dates:

- **25% of project - Draft due February 5th** for in-class peer review (should be at least 1,200 words)
- **25% of project - Revision Plan for Final Draft due February 5th at 11:59pm** after individual conferences
- **50% of project - Final paper due February 16th at 11:59pm**

Evaluation:

You will be evaluated on:

- 1) How well you describe your relationship to your object based on your culture or background using personal writing and research
- 2) Following assignment guidelines (word count, due date, etc)