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# “A Story in a Bag”

Becoming a Historian!



Historians play a significant role in the history of not only our country, but the world. It is their goal to take the information and materials they collect, analyze them, and be able to tell a story of what happened. Who doesn't love a good story?

Let's try and become historians with our "Story in a Bag" activity!

(Teachers will model artifact bag and storytelling prior to in class activity)

## At Home to Prepare for Activity:

- Gather 4 (or pictures of items) from your home or backpack that describe you as a person and put them in the paper bag given to you by your teacher. Think about your interests, strengths, accomplishments, things that are important in your life, or that show the contributions you have made to your family, community, and school.
  - Some rules:
    - Make sure that your name is NOT on any of the items
    - Make sure that you are NOT in any of the pictures you put in the bag
    - Be sure NOT to bring in any valuable items (since your classmates will be handling it)

## In Class:

**Task:** Take 2 bags per partnership (if you get your own, put it back and get a new one). Use the items inside to develop a story to tell your partner.

- Analyze the items in your bag
- Put items in a sequential order that would allow you to develop a biography of your classmate
- Take time to develop the story
  - Must incorporate all items and have at least several sentences per item
- Each partner presents their story to each other
- Share with whole class