

## Mystery Artefact: What am I?

Below are some items that the Pioneers used in their homes. Can you guess what the items were used for? All of the items can be seen at Hutchison House Museum. Take a guess at what you think these items were used for. Use the internet to see if you can discover how they were used.

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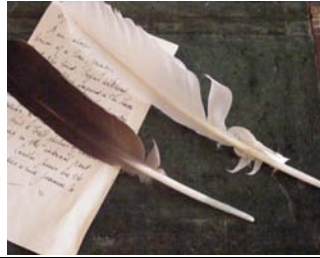
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## **Mystery Artefact: What am I? Answer Key**

1. Tin Lantern: The candle goes inside the lantern and the holes let the light out while not letting the wind blow out the candle.
2. Cones of white and brown sugar.
3. Walking spinning wheel: Used to spin the wool from sheep into yarn.
4. Hat Box: This hat box is for a man's top hat.
5. Chamber Pot: This was used during the night so that one did not need to use the outhouse. A typical chore for children would be to empty out the chamber pots in the morning.
6. Feather Quill: Used for writing. The end of the feather would be shaped into a point and then dipped in ink.
7. Muff: Ladies would use this in the winter to keep their hands warm while traveling by sled.
8. Surgeon's Kit: Inside this kit is a variety of tools for the pioneer surgeon including different saws for amputations.
9. Butter Press
10. Goose Feather: This would be used to sweep the ashes into the fire or clean the area around the hearth.
11. Pestle: Used to grind different herbs and spices for cooking.
12. Boot Jack: Gentlemen would put the heel of their boot into the 'V' shape to help them take off their boot.
13. Wash Tub: Water would be boiled on the fire and then dumped over the person as they were washing. Since getting and boiling water was labour intensive families would often share the bathwater.
14. Children's Toys: Children typically had toys made out of wood. In this photo there is a horse and carriage, blocks and a wooden top.