



Have fun investigating what the oldest thing is in your house, then making a book about it. Ask the grown-ups you live with for help and permission to find your oldest object.



YOU WILL NEED

A little book: instructions are on the Museum's YouTube Channel
Pens and pencils
An old object

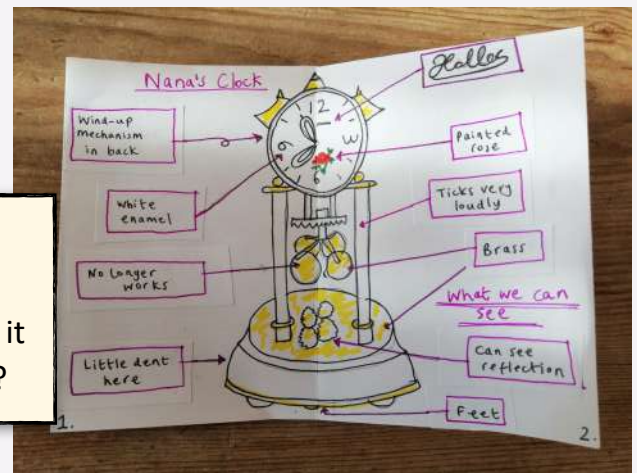


STEP ONE

Design your cover page. What's your title? Does it need a drawing? Remember to add your name as the author.

STEP TWO

Pages 1 + 2 – Write the heading 'What we can see'. Stick in a photo or draw your object. Label it. What is it made from? Any scratches? Other interesting details?



What we know

- belonged to my Nana and Grandad
- lives on the sideboard
- it is 16 cm tall
- Grandad bought it when he was at sea in the Merchant Navy
- it was my Nana's favourite clock
- it needs to be wound up every 7th day

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STEP THREE

Page 3 – Write the heading ‘What we know’. Facts could be height, weight, age, who it belonged to, how it works, where it lives in your house.

STEP FOUR

Page 4 – Write the heading ‘What we can imagine’. Think about how it got any dents or marks, why it might be special to someone, the journey it took to your house, or a magic power.

What we can imagine

- it once fell off the shelf
- it was a wedding present
- it cost lots of money
- Grandad probably didn't tell Nana how much it cost
- Maybe it once belonged to an old scientist
- it can freeze time

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When the clock stopped



Once, when Nana was out shopping, Grandad told me a secret about the clock on their book shelf. He whispered that if you wound the hands back until exactly 5 to 12, then time would stop - everything would freeze, except for you - for one hour. He said it belonged to an old scientist and it was the only thing he ever made work! I didn't believe him. Of course it wasn't true. Today I forgot to wash the dishes, for the 3rd time, and mum's home room. It can't be true? or can it?

5. I suppose there is no harm in trying....

STEP FIVE

Pages 5 + 6 – Write a story about the object. Use your imagine ideas to write a story about your object.

STEP SIX

Page 7 – ‘About the Author’. Draw a picture of yourself, the author, or stick on a photo. Write some interesting information about yourself.

About the Author



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