

# The Artifact Box Exchange Network



An Artifact Box is a collection of “artifacts” representative of a specific locale.

[www.artifactbox.com](http://www.artifactbox.com)

## Who can participate?

- Whole classes or groups of students from second through ninth grade.
- Partner schools are matched based on grade level and the experience of participating teachers.

## What are the overall goals for participating in the Artifact Box Exchange Network?

- To develop creative and critical thinking.
- To help students compare their culture with communities in distant locations.
- To teach students to use advanced references and non-print resources.



- To acquaint students with the content and processes used by geographers, archaeologists, scientists, and anthropologists.

- To improve students’ attitudes toward social studies, research skills, and science instruction.
- To meet national and state social studies and science standards.

## What materials are needed for constructing an Artifact Box?

- The teacher’s guide contains the following information to help you implement this project: a suggested timeline for readiness activities, a simulation activity, guidelines for preparing the artifact box, a list of twenty-five task cards, a list of reference materials, and record keeping forms.
- Reference materials found in your school or local libraries: atlases, globes, biographical dictionary, field guides, almanacs, encyclopedias, history books, the Internet, etc.



- Teacher created materials for implementing readiness activities.
- Your students' ideas for locating, creating, and assembling The Artifact Box.
- Postage for mailing your completed box to your partner school and for returning your partner's box.

### How are clues for the Artifact Box arranged before mailing to partner school?

- Clues are organized based on information that will help identify the country, region, state, or city/town.
- Clues within each category or arranged based on the difficulty of solving the clue: easy, medium, or hard.



- Each student fills out a clue card form, providing helpful information for solving the clue.
- Enclose the artifacts into a large box along with the record keeping

forms enclosed in an envelope and labeled for the receiving teacher.

- Place your return address inside the box for the receiving teacher.
- Take to the post office and mail to your partner school.



### What are the responsibilities of the Artifact Box Exchange Network project directors?

- To provide coordination efforts for the Artifact Box Exchange Network.
- To maintain the database of prospective participants.
- To mail packets containing the Teacher's Guide or Continuing Packet to participants.
- To match partner schools, based on grade level, teacher experience, and past locations.
- To answer any questions or concerns that participants may have.



### What is the cost of participating in the Artifact Box Exchange Network?

- The teacher's guide costs \$15.00 and one registration is \$35.00.

### How can my class join?

- Mail or fax a completed registration form to The Artifact Box Exchange Network.
- Registration forms can be found on the Artifact Box website [www.artifactbox.com](http://www.artifactbox.com)
- Or call and leave an address or fax number and we will send a form to you.

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