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Holocaust Museum LA invites you to take a look at your own heritage and life story and create a window display that contains objects that represent you and your identity. Each and every member of the community has an important story to tell, just as the founding Survivors of Holocaust Museum LA did when they established the Museum in 1961.

Your objects will be the artifacts to display in your gallery window, think about what story you want to tell and how you can utilize your artifacts to tell it. An artifact is an item of historical or cultural interest. Artifacts can be a number of things, including an object, document, diary, manuscript, autobiography, image, or recording. They serve as an original source of information about a topic. Artifacts are an important part of the Museum's exhibits; each artifact has its own story to tell.

John Glass

These toys belonged to young John Glass, whose father was a prominent electrical engineer in Berlin in the 1930s. John's grandfathers were proud veterans of the German Empire's army who fought in World War I.

In 1938, John's father was fired from his job because he was Jewish. Although many members of the extended Glass family were murdered during the Holocaust, John and his parents were able to escape Nazi Germany and immigrate to the United States in 1940, and John was lucky enough to be able to bring a few of his toys, including his teddy bear, Biu, and the clothing John's mother made for Biu. John went on to become a prominent sociologist and political activist in Chicago and Los Angeles.



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email your submissions to
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MORE INSTRUCTIONS + EXAMPLES

Making Your Display takes only 4 Steps!

- 1** Gather a group of objects in your house that you believe represent you and or your family.
- 2** Find potential stands to use to prop your items. This can be egg boxes, containers, etc.
- 3** Use index cards or a piece of paper to create your label. You can use a marker or pen to write your text for the label. Think about including the following information: object name, date object was received or made, and a 50 word or less description about your objects story and its importance in your family or life. *Tip: See How to Create an Artifact Label box for more details on making your label(s).*
- 4** Arrange and display your objects with their labels in a window that is visible to passersby. *Tip: Try placing the larger objects in back and the smaller in the front to make them more visible.*

Any Type and Number of Object(s)

Egg Boxes

Plastic Containers

Pens and Markers

Index Cards or paper

Materials



How to Create an Artifact Label

Use font that is legible and simple.

Make a Title/ Intro panel to attract viewers to your window and let them know what the overall theme and intent of the display is (keep this short and use large text).

When explaining the objects, you can use a group label to explain the collection, an individual object label, or both!

When describing a collection or an object, include general info (name, date, etc.) and the importance of it.

Remember to keep labels simple and concise in order to get your point across.

