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Creating a classroom museum

Disaster has struck!

• All museums have been closed and the object have been put into closed storage forever. How will people learn about their past? How will people in the future understand and find out about us? We need a museum – RIGHT NOW!

A Classroom Museum all about you, just your things, what you decide is worthy and valuable enough to go in. So how will we decide and what will our Museum look like?

- Find the objects that tell the right stories. Where will you look for and find the right objects? What kind of objects are you looking for? Whose story does it tell? Who will be interested to come and see it? How will it make them feel?
- Bring your objects into school and agree as a group which objects will make up your Museum collection. It could be a sweet wrapper or a book or an old sock that your cat chewed up or your dad's favourite thing really, it could be anything that is important and tells an important story about your life.
- All museum objects have to have a formal Acquisition and Storage record. Use the template to make records for all your objects.
- Now you need to decide how to display your objects and where the Classroom Museum will be. You could even have an online museum.
- Each object on display should have a label describing what it is and telling its story. Use the instructions to write short and interesting labels for all your objects.