Heirlooms: Act It Out!

Pretend YOU are your ancestor who originally owned the heirloom. Ask your friends and/or family members around you to pretend to be friends or other family members of your ancestor. Imagine how your ancestor may have used the item. Go back in time and act out a simple scene using the heirloom. Ask yourself these questions:

- Where would this item have been used? In the home? Outside? In a workshop or other place of business?
- What would it have been used for? Would it have been used for work or recreation or decoration?
- How often would it have been used? Everyday? Certain seasons? Special occasions or holidays?
- Extension: If your ancestor lived today, would he/she still be able to use the item in the same manner as he/she did in the past? Are there new inventions/tools around today that can accomplish the same job?

