



CRAFT IN AMERICA

BUILDING A COLLECTION EDUCATION GUIDE

Worksheet 2: You, the Expert

“Being a collector, what you learn is what is original, what is different.” —Cheech Marin

“This is our neighborhood, these are the people in our neighborhoods.”—Cheech Marin

Cheech’s collection represents his Chicano identity and culture. Will your collection represent you in some way? What will be the criteria for your collection? Keep in mind that you can collect art for this project, including Chicano art!

Your task is to collect five or six images of objects online that will form a small collection. That means you need criteria: A set of standards to keep your collection organized. Whether it is Chicano art, wristwatches, or model trains, you should be able to find interesting examples, and facts about them, online. Size your images to 3 by 5 inches before printing them out. Your teacher will show you how to mount the images on cardboard backings.

List all your objects here:

Research your objects online. Look for interesting facts about your collection. If you can’t find enough, ask for help from classmates. Trying different search terms can help. Record interesting facts below. Then curate them for your labels. Decide which are the best to use.