PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – Adopt an Object

DIRECTIONS: Prior to your Winterthur visit, take a few moments to review these terms with your students.

- **Antique**: A collectible object such as a piece of furniture or work of art that has a high value because of its considerable age.

- **Collection**: A grouping of objects in the museum.

- **Estate**: Property or land associated with an elaborate house.

- **Galleries**: A part of the building used for the display of objects.

- **Henry Francis du Pont**: The man who owned Winterthur. He was born in 1880 and died in 1969. He turned his home into a museum in 1951.

- **Mansion**: A large, impressive house.

- **Material**: The matter from which a thing is or can be made.

- **Museum**: A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited.

- **Museum Manners**: Behavior that is expected of one during a visit to a museum. Behaviors such as no touching, inside voices and good listening are some examples.

- **Object**: A material thing that can be seen and touched.

- **Period Rooms**: A collection of original furniture and furnishings, usually recreated in a historical era or presenting an aesthetically pleasing combination that may never have existed.

- **Winterthur**: The home and now museum of Henry Francis du Pont.