

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.

