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PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – American Decorative Arts

DIRECTIONS: Did you know that each part of a chair has a special name? Some names are similar to parts of the body. Below is a list of chair parts and their definition. Using the list, label at least one chair with each part.



- **Apron/seat rail** – the strips that run between the legs and connects to the seat
- **Arm/armrest** – part that supports your elbow and forearm
- **Arm support** – upright piece which supports the arm
- **Cresting** – ornamental topping, usually set in the center of the top of a chair-back
- **Ear** – small projecting member or part of a piece or structure, either decorative or structural
- **Foot** - bottom of the leg
- **Leg** - support for the chair
- **Lower rail** – lowermost rail of the seat back
- **Manchette (arm pad)** – upholstered patch or cushion on an armrest
- **Mid-rail** – rail close to the vertical center of the seat back
- **Rail** – horizontal bar (of the back)
- **Seat** – the piece you set your bum on
- **Shoe** - a piece that sits on the back seat rail and holds the bottom of the splat, allowing easy replacement of a broken splat without disassembling the whole chair
- **Slip Seat** – a seat which is easily removable to facilitate re-upholstery
- **Spindle** - a cylindrically symmetric shaft
- **Splat** - a vertical central element of the chair back
- **Stile** - outside vertical framing member of the back
- **Stretcher** – horizontal support element joining the legs
- **Top rail** – uppermost rail of the seat back

