This activity uses the Object Stories Quick Record App (optional)  
(iPads to be provided.)

Part I

Everyone stand up with your object in hand.
Walk, skip, march around the room at random.

Back-to-Back! Stand back-to-back with the person to your right.

Describe your object in DETAIL. What specific details attract you to the object?
What do you observe about its physical appearance?
Promising Prompt: How would you describe your object to a person who has never seen it before?
Building an Object Story: Develop descriptive language.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder! Stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the person closest to you.

Tell your partner about the time WHEN you first saw or acquired your object. How old were you? What season was it?
Promising Prompts: When did you first see your object? What attracted you to it?
Building an Object Story: Identify significance of Date and Time in relation to the Object.

Link Elbows with the person to your left.

Tell your partner WHERE your object came from and WHERE you keep it now.
Promising Prompts: What place do you associate with your object? Does your object have a history? Did your object belong to another place before you?
Building an Object Story: Identify significance of Place in relation to the Object.

Toe-to-Toe with the person opposite you.

Tell your partner WHO you think of when you hold your object. Is there a person who is connected to the object?
Promising Prompt: Does this object remind you of someone?
Building an Object Story: Identify the significance of People in relation to the Object.
Thumb-to-Thumb!
Tell your partner the story of your object in no more than two minutes.
As you listen to your partner tell their story, think about questions you have for them about their Object Story.

Promising Prompt: What do you wonder about their Object Story as they tell it?

Building an Object Story: Understand the importance of responding and connecting to other stories

Part II (optional)
Now that you've had a chance to talk about your object, return to your groups to listen to and record your Object Story using the iPad App (optional).

Team leaders. Please feel free to find a comfortable, quiet space within the museum to do your recording (must have WiFi).

FIRST--Listen to a story using www.objectstories.org/stories
THEN --Practice Recording your Object Stories

When you enter the app, sign-in using:

Teacher Name: Name of School
Name: Your Name
Email: your@email.com