

Exploring the Eisenhower Home

In the Eisenhower living room, find...



- What is this item? Describe it, including its color, its size, and any interesting characteristics.
- What are three words that describe this object?
- What was this item used for?
- Are there any markings or decorations that might indicate where this item came from?
- What do you want to know about it that you cannot learn from the object itself?

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In the Eisenhower living room, there are two items on top of the family organ. Find them and answer these questions...



- Describe these items, including who is in the photos, where the photos appear to have been taken (look for clues in the pictures themselves), and if you notice any additional details from the photo frames themselves.
- Do you think there is any significance to where these photos are located in the home?
- What do you want to know about these photos that you cannot learn from looking at them in the home?
- What can we learn about the Eisenhower family from these photos?

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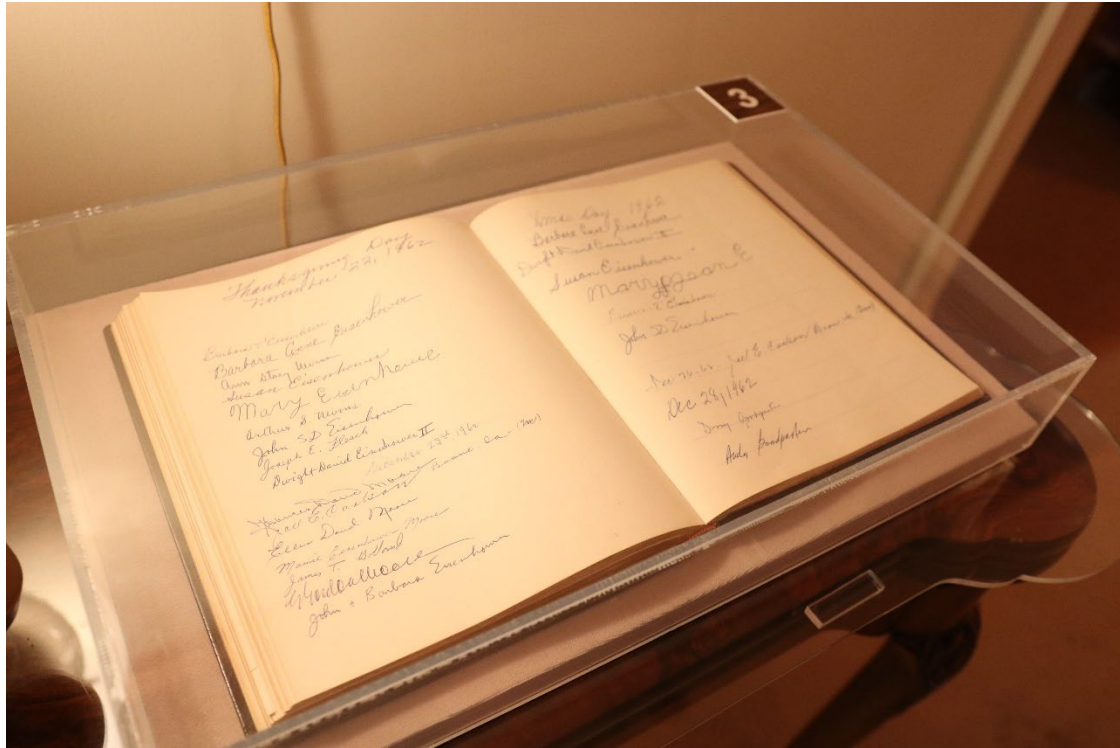
In the Eisenhower sun porch, find...



- What is this item? Describe it, including its color, its size, and any interesting characteristics or features.
- Who do you think used this item?
- What do you want to know about it that you cannot learn from the object itself?
- Why do you think this item is located in this room?

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In the entryway, find...



- What is this item? Describe it, including its color, its size, and any interesting characteristics or features.
- Do you think there is any significance to where this item is located?
- Who do you think used this item?
- Do you see any names of famous individuals?
- What do you want to know about it that you cannot learn from the object itself?

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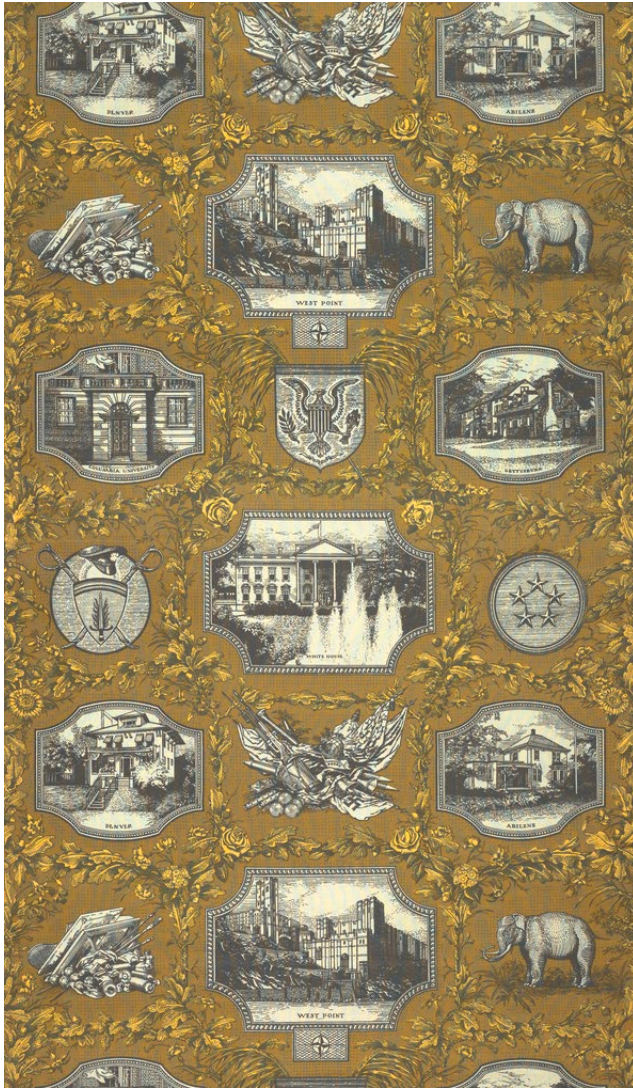
In the entryway, find...



- What is this item? Describe it, including its size, color, and any details that stand out.
- Are there any important symbols that you notice? If so, what do they represent?
- Why would a design like this be in the home of the Eisenhowers? Think about the symbols and where the wallpaper is located.
- What else would you like to know about this item that you cannot learn from observing it in the Eisenhower home?

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In the Eisenhower sitting room, find an item with this pattern. . .



- What is this item? Describe it, including its size, color, and any details that stand out.
- Where is this item located? Is there any significance to its location?
- This pattern has a number of important places represented. Why were these places important to the Eisenhowers?
- Do you notice any other symbols that would have been important to the Eisenhowers?
- What do you want to know about it that you cannot learn from the object itself?

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The Eisenhower Book Collection



There are over 900 books on display in the Eisenhower home. As you explore the house, answer the following questions:

- How many rooms of the home have books on display?
- Pick at least one title in each room where you find books that you think was important to Ike. What books did you find?
- Based on the books in the home, what types of books did the Eisenhowers like to read?
- What does the number of books in the home say about the Eisenhowers?

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Eisenhower's Office



- In Ike's office, there are two paintings hanging on the walls. What are they?
- Why do you think Eisenhower had these two paintings hanging in his office?
- Are there any important symbols that you notice? If so, what do they represent?
- What else would you like to learn about these paintings?
- Are there other items in the office that are interesting to you or related to this item?

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In the master bedroom of the Eisenhower home, find this item...



- What is this item? Describe it, including its color, its size, and any interesting characteristics or features.
- What was this item used for?
- Who do you think used this?
- Why might this person have used this item?
- What else would you like to know about this item?

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Find the dining room and answer the following questions:



- What did the Eisenhowers use this space for? Was it used every day or only for special occasions?
- Describe this room in three words.
- How many chairs are around the table? Is there any significance to that?
- What do you want to know about this room that you cannot learn from the objects in it?
- Are there other items in the dining room that are interesting or related to the dining table and chairs?

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Go to room 13 on the house tour and answer the following questions:



- This room was used by John and Delores Moaney. What can you learn about them? Look for clues in the room about who they were.
- What does the placement of their room say about their role in the family?
- How does this room compare to others in the home? Are there any others like it?
- Pick three words that describe this room.
- Are there other things you would like to know about the Moaneys?

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Go to room 15 on the house tour and answer the following questions:



- What was this room used for? Who do you think used this space?
- Find two items in this room that are related to things Dwight Eisenhower was passionate about.
- Pick three words that describe this room.
- Is there anything about this room that you are curious about?