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Activity #1

Have students click on the box at the bottom of the page called “Exhibition”. On this page, they can see examples of some of the photographs and objects included in the exhibition including Ursula’s teddy bear, Raissa’s cardigan, Henry’s uniform, Mariam and Elizabeth’s bath wrappers, Ralph’s train set, and Diyar’s photograph. Students can also watch the video [“Teddy’s Story,”](#) which talks about Ursula’s teddy bear. There are additional stories and images in a separate PDF labeled “SOS Artifact Page”.

After looking at the photographs and reading the captions, ask students:

1. Why do you think these people chose these objects to take with them?
2. Which object or story stood out to you? Which object or story surprised you?
3. If your family was moving away, what would you take? How does that describe who you are and why?
4. Why is it important to remember? Why are memories important?
5. How do these objects and stories help to reinforce or challenge your thinking about the time period, the people, and the event?