

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **This sounds interesting! How do I participate in the Experiment?**
  - All you need to do is arrive at the Oriental Institute before 8am on Wednesday October 9th. Objects will be handed out on a first come, first-serve basis, so it is best to get there early.
- **Where is the Oriental Institute located?**
  - 1155 E. 58th St. At the corner of 58th St. and University.
- **Will I need to bring anything with me or pay to borrow an Object?**
  - There is no fee to borrow an object. You may want to bring something with which you can transport your object back home.
- **Do I need to borrow an Object for the whole year?**
  - Yes. If you are going to leave the University for a significant period of time, you will need to return your object to the OI.
- **Can I hang it up or display it outside of my dorm room?**
  - Objects can be displayed in your dorm room or an appropriate space within the rest of the dormitory. Exceptions and alternative locations may be considered on a case-to-case basis, please send requests to [oi-che@uchicago.edu](mailto:oi-che@uchicago.edu)
- **What kinds of objects are available for me to choose from?**
  - There is a wide variety of objects associated with the many aspects of study that has occurred through the Oriental Institute over the last 100 years. These include, but are by no means limited to: maps, photographs, paintings, sketches, letters, prints, all having played a role in adding value and context for the work done in the OI and for the Institute itself.
- **If the Object is accidentally damaged, what should I do?**
  - The Oriental Institute understands that some of the Objects loaned are in delicate or partially damaged condition as is. If damage occurs, please contact [oi-che@uchicago.edu](mailto:oi-che@uchicago.edu).
- **Are there any events associated with this experiment throughout the year?**
  - Aside from receiving and object on October 9th, there are several more events associated with the experiment. Additionally, the Borrower must provide an “in situ” update once a quarter on a day to be determined by the Lender (The Oriental Institute). The Borrower will be notified of the day via email.
  - There will also be a closing event in which objects are returned and the completion of the experiment is celebrated. This date is TBD.

- **If I move to a new dorm or leave the campus, what happens to the Object?**
  - Please contact [oi-che@uchicago.edu](mailto:oi-che@uchicago.edu) within an appropriate time period before moving. In the event of a new dorm, you will be able to hold on to your object, but objects cannot leave the campus.
- **What if I am unable to return the object on the return date?**
  - If you intend to return the object earlier than the return date or have a reasonable explanation for returning the object late, please contact [oi-che@uchicago.edu](mailto:oi-che@uchicago.edu) as soon as you can.
  - Objects that are not brought back on the return date will be considered missing. The academic advisor of the Borrower will be contacted to ensure the return of any missing object. Please do not allow this to happen.