



For Students

WHAT MAKES A SPECIAL OBJECT?

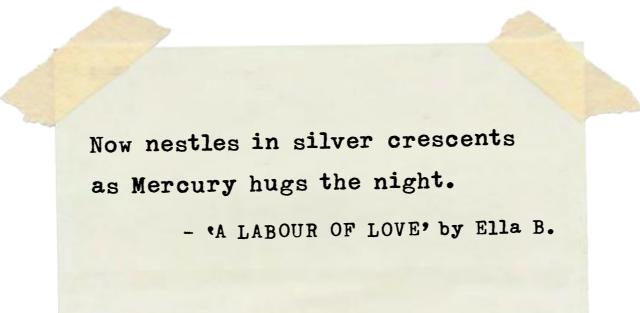


In cracks and crevices
of coral and more hidden caves.
Made with hands
as soft as sifted sand.
‘SECRETS OF THE SEA’ by Isobella S.

A special or ‘talismanic’ object may be **curious** because of its **appearance, shape, markings or special personal history**. From carved hieroglyphs to obsidian arrow tips, your special object will hold personal meanings and memories. It can also be helpful to think of the role of an object in your life. Is it a ‘talisman’ that guides and protects you? A reminder of an adventure or the keeper of a secret?

Explore the prompts and pages of **poetic, historic, scientific and artistic artefacts** to help you choose your own special **Poetry Object**.

Choosing Your Special Object



Think outside the box when it comes to choosing your object. Look around your room or home. Don’t be afraid to feel the objects in your hands.

- » Do you have a handmade gadget, gizmo, artwork or souvenir that no-one else has?
- » Is there an object in your life that might seem ordinary to someone else but is very special to you?
- » What makes this object special?
- » What makes this object unusual?
- » What significant moment do you remember as you feel your object?
- » What history, inner world or secrets does your special object hold?

Explore the special objects from our [2017 shortlist](#).

Discover the [2017 Winning & Highly Commended Poems](#).

Bringing Your Object to School

Before you plunge into the pre-writing prompts, **make sure you have your object with you as you write**. If you don’t have your object during your **Poetry Object** writing sessions, it may be harder to create vivid descriptions that need you to feel, smell, and draw your object!

Once you have selected your special object, ensure you have permission to bring it to school for **Poetry Object** writing activities.

**I will bring my special object to school
on the following date**

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