



MCNY Investigations

New York Interiors: Furnishings for the Empire City

Self-guided worksheet for elementary and middle school students

Name _____ Date _____

Today you will explore the exhibition New York Interiors: Furnishings for the Empire City to understand how household objects and decorating styles have changed over time in New York City.

Choose your favorite interior. Record its name: _____

1. In the space below, create a list of the objects you see. (Note: Example below is from the Dutch Interior.)

Name of Object		Probable Use
<u>Split/Double Dutch Door</u>	:	<u>Lets light and air into the house</u>
_____	:	_____
_____	:	_____
_____	:	_____

2. In the box below, sketch your favorite item from your list above. Include as much detail in your drawing as you can.

3. Now, find a similar object in another interior. Compare it: How is this object different from the one you identified above?

4. Your Room: 2010

Choose one object that you own or would like to own and draw it in the box below. Label it and say how it is used today.



Is your object similar to any objects you explored in this exhibition of New York interiors from the past? Explain.
