

Artifacts in the NPS Museum Collections



“The term Hopewell describes a broad network of economic, political, and spiritual beliefs and practices among different Native American groups. The culture is characterized by the construction of enclosures made of earthen walls, often built in geometric patterns and mounds of various shapes. The culture is known for a network of contacts with other groups, which stretched from the Atlantic coast to the Rocky Mountains. This network brought exotic materials such as mica, shark's teeth, obsidian, copper, and shells to Ohio.”

-  Go to the Hopewell Park museum collections front page.
-  Click “Prehistoric” under “Browse their Collection.”
-  Find three items to help answer the questions below.

	<i>Something that has man-made holes</i>	<i>1. An item that would be worn</i>	<i>2. Something that may represent an extinct animal</i>	<i>3. Something non-exotic (from the Intrusive Mound Culture)</i>
<i>What is it?</i>	Shark teeth [HOCU 2832]			
<i>How old is it?</i>	200 BC-AD 400 Woodland period			
<i>What is it made of?</i>	Animal tooth (bone)			
<i>Has this item been modified? What could it have been used for?</i>	Some of the teeth have holes drilled in them, possibly for wearing as necklaces.			

