

### Auto Kamp Kook Kit



Each month The California Museum will introduce a new artifact with accompanying information and questions, which will consist of three different difficulty levels to choose from. To be used as a sponge or opening activity, you can use the artifact of the month for your students to study, question and form ideas. You can also print the image and place it on each student's desk, have them work in teams or project the image for a class activity.

Use the provided questions to help your students learn more about the artifact and its importance to California -- or make up your own questions. Most importantly, have fun!

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With the mass produced and affordable Ford Motor Company's Model T and Model A, Americans experienced a freedom to travel like never before. In the early 1920s, people started getting in their cars and out of the cities.

People wanted to take off to explore the great United States and especially the golden West. This was before the establishment of motels along the roads, so people had to camp when they wanted to stop for the night.

The invention of the Auto Kamp Kook Kit allowed travelers an easy way to cook their meals at their campsite. The stove started out with a single burner, and was advertised as allowing you to "cook anything you wanted!"

The stove ran on the same type of gas that cars used, making it very convenient for car travelers. The stove has a gas canister that can be filled by siphoning and transferring gas from a car's gas tank.

Later models had two burners, legs that increased the height to make cooking easier, and windshields to protect the flame from burning out while cooking.

Many travelers coming to California used these stoves - whether visiting for vacation and sunshine or moving to California for more opportunities.

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#### Elementary

- 1) Why did a lot of Americans start taking trips out West?
- 2) How are these travelers similar or different compared to the early pioneers who came west to California?

#### Middle

- 1) What are some reasons people would want to move to California in the early 1900s?
- 2) What is different or the same about how people took long trips in the 1920s compared to you taking a trip today?

#### High School

- 1) "Necessity is the mother of invention." Do you feel this is an accurate statement? Why or why not?
- 2) What did those Americans who traveled west in the post-World War I era have in common with the immigrants from foreign countries who had come during the 19th and early 20th centuries?

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