



ACTIVITY

Art at Sea: John Lord's Powder Horn

John Lord's engraved powder horn was designed to carry gunpowder, but was also a special memento of his service. The symbols he used to decorate the powder horn were all chosen with care. By closely observing them, can your students decode what Lord's job was on *Constitution*? Lord served as gunner on USS *Constitution* from 1824 to 1828. He decorated the horn with nautical images, included cannons and cannonballs, an anchor and chain, a flag, and a scene of "Old Ironsides" in battle. Have your students try the art of etching. Using a bar of soap and toothpicks or forks, students can etch an image, a depiction of their favorite activity, their name—anything they like—into the soap.



Powderhorn belonging to Gunner John Lord, before 1829