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Objects as Memories

Marilyn Levine (Alberta, Canada, 1935 - 2005, Oakland, California), *Doctor's Bag – Closed*, 1972, stoneware with stains and lusters, 8 x 13 3/4 x 9 3/4 in., Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts Foundation Collection: Purchased with funds from the Elizabeth Fletcher Dishongh Charitable Trust. 2006.014. Photography by Edward C. Robison III.

You may be surprised to find out that this well-worn leather-like bag is actually a ceramic sculpture. Marilyn Levine's skillful realism prompts the viewer to imagine who might have owned the weathered object.

Pick one of the following prompts to answer:

Who was the owner of this "doctor's bag"? Describe the owner and explain how they used this bag. Was it important to them? What details from the sculpture back up your story? Where is the owner now and why do they no longer have it?

or

Can you think of an object that reminds you of a certain person in your life? Perhaps it is a bag, a piece of jewelry, a toy, or even a certain type of food. Describe the object, and its relation to the person you choose. Who is the person, and what do they mean to you? Is there a certain memory associated with both?