



What is it?

The Seaford Museum and Ross Mansion have many interesting objects from years gone by. Use this picture from the Ross Mansion and the clues to answer the questions below.



It is black, made of iron and looks like a bug or a fish.

It's about 12" long.

It is elevated on one end.

It can be found on the floor near a door.

Both farmers and townfolk would find this useful on rainy or snowy days.

What do you think this device was used for?

Answer: It is a *bootjack*. These helped people take their boots off by themselves.

How do you think a bootjack works? Write directions telling people how they could use it to remove their shoes and boots. Have at least 3 steps, but you may have more.

Step 1. _____

Step 2. _____

Step 3. _____

Step 4. _____

Step 5. _____

If you need more steps, use another piece of paper.

List 2 or 3 ways a bootjack would be helpful to Governor Ross.

Can you think of 2 or 3 devices that we have today to help us get dressed or undressed?
