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Describing Objects and Artifacts

Instructions: Read the longer passages carefully. After each one, describe the object or artifact mentioned, using vivid language and detail. Be sure to **infer characteristics** based on clues from the text, and paraphrase rather than copy.



Passage 1: The Explorer's Compass - Tucked inside a thick canvas pouch, the brass compass had clearly seen many journeys. Its lid, once polished to a mirror-like shine, was now dented and dulled. The needle inside quivered with every motion, though it still pointed steadily north. Scratches covered the glass face, and a faint, almost invisible, map was etched into the inside of the lid. Bits of dried mud clung to the sides, hinting at its past in untamed lands.

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Passage 2: Victorian-Era Teacup

Displayed on a fragile glass shelf, the teacup looked as though it could shatter from a whisper. Fine porcelain formed its elegant body, painted with tiny pink roses and lined with delicate gold leaf along the rim. A crack, so fine it was almost invisible, ran down the side. Inside, faint tea stains remained, as if someone had left it unfinished decades ago. The handle, though small, curved like a ribbon, as if inviting the hand of a lady long gone.

Your Description: