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Who Might Have Owned This? Answer Key

These are sample answers to help guide expectations. Student responses may vary as long as they demonstrate creativity supported by clues from the object descriptions.

OBJECT 1 – Silver Locket

Part 1 (Object Description):

An oval silver locket with delicately engraved floral patterns, dulled by time. The metal is slightly tarnished, and the hinge creaks as it opens. Inside, a faded sepia photo of a young woman with a hair ribbon rests behind a dusty glass pane. The back is inscribed with, “To A.M., with all my heart – 1911.”

Part 2 (Character Sketch):

Amelia Montgomery was 22 in 1911, a schoolteacher in a rural English village. Quiet and kind, she wore the locket every day, a gift from a soldier named Thomas before he left for war. She kept his photograph inside until the day she died, never having heard from him again. Her students remembered her as gentle, with a wistful smile and a melody always humming under her breath.

OBJECT 2 – Brass Telescope

Part 1 (Object Description):

A collapsible brass telescope with a cracked lens and a worn leather grip. Tiny initials “J.P.” are scratched into its base. Salt residue crusts the rim, and the entire piece smells faintly of the sea. It's wrapped in a sun-bleached linen cloth printed with the Mediterranean Sea.

Part 2 (Character Sketch):

Captain Jonah Pierce, a sailor in the late 1800s, used this telescope while navigating treacherous waters off the coast of Sicily. A restless adventurer, he sailed alone after losing his crew to a storm. The telescope was his most prized possession, handed down from his father. Though his charting was meticulous, he always trusted the sea more than his maps.