Let’s hunt for ceramic works in the wild! Dig through your cabinets and search around your house for pieces of ceramic ware in your home. They could be anything made of clay (store bought or handmade), and they do not have to come from the kitchen. Find a vase, cup, saucer, plate, bowl, lamp, soap dish, flower pot, crock, ANYTHING made of clay.

Then, pick out your favorite (school appropriate) ceramic object and create a research document, collecting the following information:

1. Take a few photos of the piece with your phone if you can - get some different angles.
2. Use words to describe what it is that you found. Include information about the anatomy of the piece - lip, lid, foot, belly, etc.
3. Draw the object in detail, then photograph your drawing for the assignment.
4. What construction method do you think was used to create this piece? Was it made by a human or a machine? Some options could be wheel throwing, casting, hand building, slab construction, coil, pinching.
5. How long do you think it took to make this piece from start to finish?
6. If you were to design this object yourself, what would you change about it? (ex. Would the handle be bigger or more comfortable to use? Would you make it hold more liquid? Apply a different glaze?)

Happy hunting!