

If you want to collect something and still don't know what to choose, you could decide to collect snuff boxes.

Snuff is a powdered form of tobacco. It was first brought to England in the late 17th century by King Charles II. Snuff was enjoyed by all classes of society till cigarettes became popular in the middle of the 19th century.

Snuff boxes come in many different shapes and sizes. They can be very small, just about 2 cm long, but sometimes they are larger table size about 6 cm long. Snuff boxes were made of different materials, from wood to silver.

Victorian snuff boxes were often made of silver with pearl or ivory. They could also be painted with decorative scenes. Other popular Victorian boxes were shaped like primitive figures or small shoes, hats or boats.

The price of a snuff box depends on its age and design. For an average box, you can expect to pay about £100-200. You must also be prepared for a long hunt for them: snuff boxes can be found only at some junk shops or auctions.

- 1) Snuff was introduced to England by a king _____
- 2) In the second half of the 19th century, snuff was more popular than cigarettes. _____
- 3) Some snuff boxes were kept on tables _____
- 4) The most popular Victorian snuff box looked like a small shoe _____
- 5) Bigger snuff boxes are more expensive. _____
- 6) Today snuff boxes are not easy to find. _____