

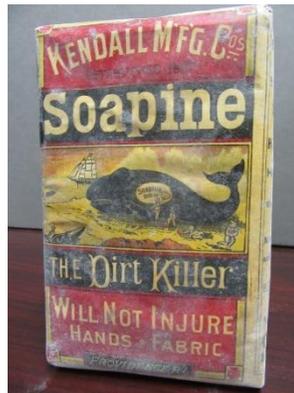
# Historical Uses of Whale Products

## Background Information

Whales have been used for centuries as a source of raw materials to create a variety of products. Sometimes a whale would wash ashore on its own, but most often the whales were hunted intentionally, whether close to shore or far away from home. Once whales had washed ashore or been captured and killed, their blubber, bone, teeth, baleen, and organs were turned into a variety of products. Some of the products created during the days of sailing vessel-based whaling are shown below.



Snow goggles and eyeglass frames could be made using whale baleen.



Whale oil was used to light lamps.



Frames of parasols were made with baleen.



Corset busk made from baleen

*\*All objects from New Bedford Whaling Museum collections.*

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## Activity Objective

Test your knowledge on how whales were processed into products for human use.

## Materials

- Pencil or crayon
- Printed copy of the activity sheet on the next page

## Activity

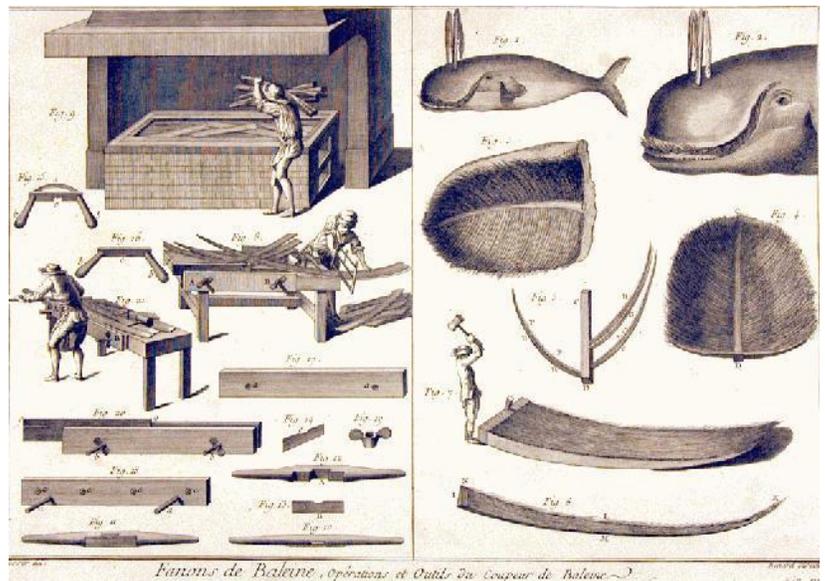
On the activity sheet below circle the products that were once made from whales. Some were made during the time of whaling from sailing vessels. Others were made during the years of industrial, mechanized whaling when large, floating factory ships processed whales. An answer sheet is available for you to check your answers.

## Wrap Up

What modern day materials do you think replaced the need for these whale parts?

We no longer need whale parts to make these items. However, humans still have an impact on whales and their survival. Can you think of three things that threaten whale survival today?

Of those three threats, pick one and name one way we can protect right whales from that threat.

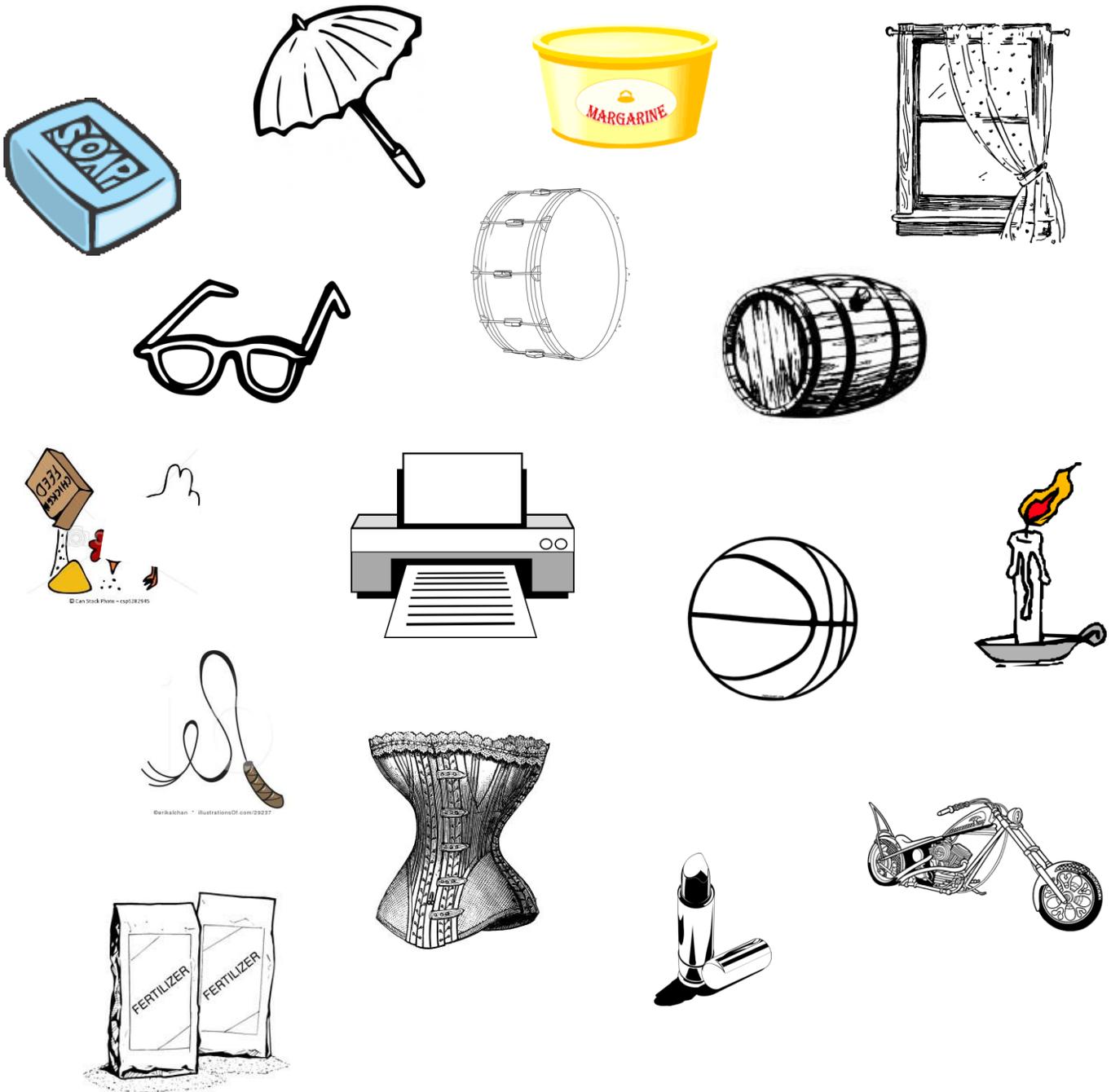


Depiction of the process of making products from baleen.

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# Circle the Products Made From Whales Activity Sheet



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