Tooth Pendant
Object Card

In the past, men, women, and children liked to adorn themselves, just as they do today. Before glass and metal became available through trade with Europeans, Native Americans made pendants, beads, and other personal decorations out of natural materials. Quills, soft stone (including fossils), shell, bone (especially hollow bird bone), and claws were used to decorate clothing and/or body. Teeth, especially those of young animals that had shiny enamel, were easily drilled for stringing. This is a milk tooth from a bison calf.

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