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President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law. Martin Luther King, Jr. is among those looking on. Note all of the pens Johnson has. The tradition to use multiple pens dates back to President Franklin Roosevelt. The pens are engraved and gifted to the main supporters of the new law. You might think, it is just a pen, but through political leaders', such as presidents, governors, mayors, use and the document's significance the pens gain historical importance. Therefore, the pens are mementos; objects holding a significant memory.

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