

Artifact Analysis

(Adapted from *Artifact Analysis Worksheet*, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration)

1. Describe the material from which this artifact was made: bone, pottery, metal, wood, stone, leather, glass, paper, cardboard, cotton, wood, plastic, other materials.

2. Describe how it looks, and if you are allowed to touch it, describe how it feels: shape, color, texture, size, weight, movable parts, anything printed, stamped, or written on it.

3. Describe the uses of the artifact:

What would it be for?

Who might it be for?

Where might it have been used?

When might it have been used?

4. What does this artifact tell us about the life and times of the people who made it and used it?

5. Can you name a similar item today?

***6. Bring a sketch, photograph, or the artifact you described in #5!