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Object Analysis

“Any kind of thing, any kind of object, has a story that it tells.” —Dr. Tony Perry

Instructions: Look carefully at the objects you selected and answer the following questions for each. Fill in an Object Analysis sheet for each object. If you do not have enough information to answer the question or make an educated guess, simply leave that question blank.

1. First, observe the object and read the text on the object's slide.
2. Next, consider the **purpose and meaning** of the object.

Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers
What is it?		Why was it made?	
Who made the object?		How was it used?	
What materials were used? Could all of these materials be collected in one location?		Was it used by a single person, or more people?	
When was it made?		What might the object tell us about the skills or knowledge of the person who made it or used it?	
Where was it made?		How long would it have taken to make the object?	
For whom was it made?		What do you think the designs, colors, or patterns represent?	
List five details that you notice in this object (such as color, patterns...).		What meaning might it have to people?	

3. Finally, interpret the object

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<p>What do you think the object tells us about a culture or time period?</p>	
<p>What concepts does the object relate to, for instance, economy or religion? Keep in mind each object could relate to several different concepts.</p>	
<p>What ideas, reactions, or emotions do you have about the object that might affect how you interpret the object?</p>	
<p>Does the object remind you of something from your own life? What background knowledge or experiences might you be using to help you understand the object?</p>	
<p>Write two questions you have about the object.</p>	