

Reading an Artifact

Meet the Artifact

From what material is it made from? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bone | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood | <input type="checkbox"/> Stone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leather | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Fabric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |

Observe its parts

Describe as if you were explaining to someone who can't see it OR draw it on another piece of paper.

Think about shape, color, texture, weight, age, condition, movable parts, or anything written on it.

Try to make sense of it

Answer as best you can.

1. For what was it used?
2. Who used it?
3. Where was it used?
4. Was it made by hand or by a machine?
5. What does it tell you about the people who made or used it?
6. What does it tell you about the technology at the time it was made?
7. What is a similar item today, and how is it similar?

Use it as historical evidence

8. What did you find out from this artifact that you did not know before?

9. What other questions do you have about this object?

10. Where might you find answers to these questions?