



Reading an Object

Be an object detective. Use this worksheet to help you read an object from the past and figure out what it is.

1. Make a quick sketch of your object.
2. Use your senses and list at least five words that describe the object. Think about what it looks like, how it feels, does it makes a sound, does it have a smell and, if appropriate, how does it tastes?
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4. What can the object tell us?
 - a. How do you think the object was made (by hand, in a factory, tools used)?
 - b. Who do you think made the object (made by nature, man or woman, 1 person or many people)?
 - c. How do you think the object works?
 - d. When do you think the object was made or used?
 - e. Why do you think the object was made?
 - f. Who do you think used the object?
5. Why might the object be important?
6. What do you think the object is?