

artifact questionnaire

Answer all of the following questions that are relevant to your artifact. Then, consider other possible answers to the question: what alternate design decisions would have led to those answers? Now ask of your original answers, "Why?"

1. What material is this made of?
2. How was it constructed?
3. What function does it serve?
4. How long might it take to make this?
5. Can any of its parts be replaced?
6. Are all of its parts necessary?
7. What other artifacts could serve the same purpose as this one?
8. Does this artifact have any functionality that may not have been intended by its designer?
9. Where would someone use this, and what other artifacts would they have access to?
10. From what perspective would you draw or photograph this artifact?
11. In detail, what is the stereotype of this artifact's user?
12. How does this artifact feel?
13. How does this artifact make you feel?
14. How easy would it be to break this artifact?
15. How easy would it be to repair?
16. Is it possible to break this only partially?
17. Could this artifact be customized by its owner?
18. Has it been altered since its creation?
19. Has a superior version of this artifact been developed?
20. How would you judge whether another artifact were superior to this one?
21. Does this artifact encourage its user to engage in a social interaction?
22. Is there another artifact you would expect to find kept with this one?
23. Is there another artifact that would be very confusing to find kept with this one?
24. Does this artifact promote or impair its user's safety?
25. How would a cat or dog react to this artifact?
26. What would happen if you got this artifact wet?
27. What would happen if you put this artifact in an oven?
28. Approximately how expensive would this artifact be?
29. How valuable is this artifact, and to whom?
30. What sort of special knowledge, if any, would possessing the artifact imply?
31. Would there be any reason to collect multiple copies of this artifact?
32. Does a user need to actively engage with the artifact to make use of it?
33. Is this artifact currently "trendy," or could it ever have been?
34. Could the style of the artifact be appropriated for other uses?
35. How would you describe this artifact in one sentence?
36. What shape is this artifact?
37. Would this artifact be perceived differently by someone with impaired motor skills?
38. Could this artifact have inspired anything in contemporary culture?
39. Could you play a game with this artifact?
40. What genre of music best suits this artifact?
41. Could you imagine a world in which this type of artifact never existed?
42. If you needed to describe the color of the entire artifact with a single word, what would it be?
43. Given the opportunity, would you save this artifact from a house fire?
44. Should this artifact be included in a museum?
45. Is this artifact dependent on other artifacts to function?
46. How might this artifact fit into Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs?
47. Is this artifact had a personality, which Myers-Briggs type would it be assigned?
48. Which famous artist would you like to make a rendering of this artifact?
49. Would a child understand this artifact?
50. Would an elderly person be able to use this artifact?