



K - 5: ARTIFACT ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

1. Describe this object: (no interpretations, no assumptions, no conclusions allowed)
 - a. Is it round, square, egg-shaped? What is its shape?
 - b. What color(s) is it?
 - c. Does it have handles, wheels, spouts, switches, knobs, holes or moveable parts? (List what you see)
 - d. What do you think it is made of?

WRITE: (W-1) – Take the information you have gathered above and write a one or two sentence description of this object.

2. What questions do you have about this object? Does the object give you any clues to the answers for the questions below? Where would you find the answers?
 - a. Where was the object found? _____
 - b. How was the object acquired? _____
 - c. Where did the object come from? _____

WRITE: (W-2) – Take the information you have gathered here and write a one or two sentence description of the origins of this object.

3. How do you think the object was used? Why do you think so? (Use the characteristics you have identified to justify your choice.
 - a. Household item:
 - i. Because:
 - b. Farming/Agricultural item:
 - i. Because:
 - c. Manufacturing item:
 - i. Because:
 - d. Business or Industrial item:
 - i. Because:
 - e. Other area (recreational/cosmetic/religious)
 - i. Because:



WRITE: (W-3): Take the information you have gathered here and write a one or two sentence description of how you think the object was used.

4. Look more closely at the object. Are there clues on the object that might help you?
 - a. Is there any writing on the object? If so, write it down exactly as it appears on the object)
 - b. Are there any manufacturing marks or damage to the object? (hammer marks, engraved numbers or dates) Write them down exactly as they appear.
 - c. Have any patches, repairs or items been added to this object after it was made? If so, describe them as they appear.

WRITE (W4): In one or two sentence write down what you have found in your close examination of this object in this section.

STOP AND THINK: From the observations you have made this far, make a guess about who might have used this object and when it might have been used.

W1 + W2 + W3 + W4 = Because of (W1 + W4), I think that this object was used in (W3) to (W4).