

STANDARD ANALYSIS QUESTIONS FOR ALL ARTIFACTS

1. Describe the object in detail. Be sure to be very accurate and specific. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING ITS USE.**
 - a. What materials are used to make the object?
 - b. What wear does it show?
 - c. Are there handles, cuts, marks that appear?
 - d. Is there a date, name, maker's ID mark, or patent number on the item?
2. For what purpose do you think this object was used? Support your conclusions with evidence from the object.
 - a. Clues that might help you:
 - i. Does the wear indicate how it might have been used?
 - ii. Does its construction indicate how it might have been used?
3. Who might have used this object most frequently? Use your evidence to support your conclusions.
 - a. Men or women?
 - b. A professional? A skilled tradesman?
 - c. In an office? Out of doors?
4. What does this object tell you about your location, or the location in which it was found? What conclusions can you draw about the people who might have used it?