Analyzing an Artifact

Look at the artifact carefully and write down answers to as many of these questions as you can.

- What is the artifact made of?
- Approximately how much does it weigh?
- What color is it?
- Describe the textures you feel on it.
- Measure the artifact and write the results here.
- When you examine the artifact under a magnifying glass, what other details do you observe?
- Draw a picture of the artifact.
- Is it in its natural form, handmade, or machine-made?
- Is it decorative or functional?

decorative_____ functional_____

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● What do you think it is?

● What other artifacts might have been used with it?

● List the uses you can think of for the artifact.

● Who invented the artifact?

● Who probably used the artifact?

● Who made it?

● Is it used today? yes____ no____

● How old is it?

● If the artifact isn’t used today, what replaced it?

● Was the artifact common? yes____ no____

● If it is still used today, what do you think people used before it was invented?

● Was it expensive? yes____ no____

● What does the artifact tell you about the society that used it?