

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_____
- Was it expensive? yes_____ no_____
- If it is still used today, what do you think people used before it was invented?
- What does the artifact tell you about the society that used it?

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