Artifact Analysis Worksheet

1. TYPE OF ARTIFACT

   Describe the material from which it was made: bone, pottery, metal, wood, stone, leather, glass, paper, cardboard, cotton, wood, plastic, other material.

2. SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE ARTIFACT

   Describe how it looks and feels: shape, color, texture, size, weight, movable parts, anything printed, stamped or written on it.

3. USES OF THE ARTIFACT

   A. What might it have been used for?

   B. Who might have used it?

   C. Where might it have been used?

   D. When might it have been used?

4. WHAT DOES THE ARTIFACT TELL US

   A. What does it tell us about technology of the time in which it was made and used?

   B. Can you name a similar item today?

5. DETERMINING THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT

   A. Important people, events, and ideas at the time of the artifact's creation
      Local/regional: people, events and ideas of the time:

      National: people, events, and ideas of the time:

      World: people, events, and ideas of the time:

   Conclusions about local/regional, national, and world context at the time: