

Object Analysis Graphic Organizer

The Autry Museum of the American West is a museum located in Griffith Park in Los Angeles, California. The Autry Museum has a collection with thousands of artifacts that are made available to people in different ways including online. Artifacts can be items such as artwork (e.g. paintings), documents (e.g. letters), or objects (e.g. tools). The artifacts in the Autry Museum's collection tell stories about the different people of the American West. During this activity, you are going to analyze or study an image of an object from the Autry's Collections Online using the following steps.

STEP 1 - Look closely at the image of the object. Then describe the object by answering the questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

LOOK CLOSELY AT THE IMAGE OF THE OBJECT	MY ANSWERS
What does the object look like? Describe its color, shape, size, etc.	
What material(s) do you think the object is made of?	

Make a sketch (a simple and quick drawing) of the object.

STEP 2 - Analyze the object by thinking about what the object is. Write what you think the object is in the space below or on a separate piece of paper. Explain your thinking.

I think the object is a/an _____

because _____

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STEP 3 - Think about what questions you have about the object. Examples of questions might include: Who made the object? When was the object made? What was the object used for? Why does the object look the way it does? Write your questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

Question #1: _____

Question #2: _____

Question #3: _____

Question #4: _____

STEP 4 - Read the detailed information about the object to learn more about it and to see if you can find the answers to any of your questions from STEP 3. Then write what you learned about the object in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

The object is a/an _____

One thing I learned about the object is _____

Another thing I learned about the object is _____

STEP 5 - Show the sketch you made of the object to someone else (classmate, family member, friend, teacher, etc.). Then share what you learned about the object with them.