

MATERIAL CULTURE ANALYSIS GUIDE*

| | Answers from the object | Questions to research |
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| PHYSICAL FEATURES | | |
| What color is it? | | |
| What does it smell like? | | |
| What kind of texture does it have? | | |
| What sound does it make? | | |
| Is the object complete? | | |
| Is it in good or poor condition? | | |
| Has it been changed or repaired? | | |
| Is it still usable? | | |

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| CONSTRUCTION | | |
| What materials were used? | | |
| Is it made from natural or synthetic material or both? | | |
| Is it handmade or machine made or both? | | |
| Was it made in a mold, pieces, one piece? | | |
| How are the pieces joined? | | |

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| FUNCTION | | |
| For what purpose was it made? | | |
| Why and how was the object used? | | |
| Has that used changed over time? | | |
| Is there any purpose for it today? | | |
| Does it have any counterpart today? | | |

* Adapted from Material Culture Worksheet - <http://www.mtsu.eduJ-then/Obiects/page4.html>

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| DESIGN | | |
| Does the object do the job it was intended to do? | | |
| Were the best materials used? | | |
| Is it decorated? How? | | |
| Can you design better for the Purpose? | | |

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| VALUE/AGE | | |
| What (was) (is) it worth? | | |
| To the people who made it? | | |
| To the people who used it? | | |
| To the people who keep it? | | |
| To you? | | |
| What is its monetary value? | | |
| When do you think it was made? | | |
| What is the basis for your answer? | | |
| How can you find its age? | | |

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