Artifact Analysis Worksheet

1) Material
   (check all that apply)
   
   ___ Bone   ___ Pottery   ___ Metal   ___ Wood   ___ Stone
   ___ Leather  ___ Glass   ___ Paper   ___ Cardboard  ___ Fabric
   ___ Plastic  ___ Other:

2) Observation
   Describe it as if you were explaining it to someone who can’t see it. Think about the physical characteristics; shape, size, weight, texture, age, moveable parts, broken pieces, markings on it, etc.

3) Possible Uses
   Answer the questions as best you can.

   Where is it from?

   When is it from?

   Who used it? List reasons you think so.

   What was it sued for? List reasons you think so.
What does this tell you about the people who made and used it?

What does it tell you about technology at the time it was made?

What is a similar item from today?

4) Scientific Illustration
   Using basic shapes, illustrate the artifact as best you can.

Modified from resources found on https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets