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Material Culture Analysis Worksheet

Object Description

Form: _____

Measurements: height: _____; width: _____; depth: _____; other: _____

Materials: _____

Construction: _____

No. of parts: _____

Style: _____

Special markings: _____

Signs of damage or repair: _____

Using the graphing sheet, draw the object and denote any special features listed above.

Object Use

1. Who created the object?

2. How was it created?

3. Where was it created?

4. What was it used for?



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5. How was it used?

6. Who used it?

7. Where was it used?

8. When was it used?

9. Did the user change or modify it? How?

10. How common was the object?

11. Is there anything we have today that is similar or performs a similar function?

Object Analysis

1. On a separate sheet of paper, write a short essay describing what the object says about the person who created it, the person who used it? *Address the following issues: (1) technology, (2) environment, (3) economics of the society and individual, (4) social status, (5) ethnicity or nationality and (5) religious affiliation.*

2. Using the information from Essay #1, compare and contrast our society with the society of the person who used the object.