

## Analyzing an Object

### 1. OBSERVATION

Look closely at an object, whether in the classroom or your own home, and take an inventory of what you see. The inventory should only reflect what you observe, not what you infer or your opinion of it. Consider the following:

- Describe the material from which it was made (pottery, metal, wood, etc.)
- Describe how it looks and feels (shape, color, decoration, texture, size, weight, etc.)
- If applicable, study the inside, outside, top, and bottom of the object and describe what you see.

### 2. INFERENCE

Based upon your observations, list three things you infer about this object and give evidence to support your statement. (For example: How might this object be used and how do you know? Who might have used it?)

What information does this object tell us about the people or culture that made and used it?

### 3. QUESTIONS

What questions do you have and where might you find the answers?

**Make a sketch of the object on the back of this page.**