



museum without walls

MANDURAH COMMUNITY MUSEUM

OBJECT ANALYSIS SHEET

Education

Teacher Ideas

Spark some interest in describing by using historic objects that may have some familiarity, such as old tools, as the basis for writing a description. The Object Analysis Sheet provides a format for recording key words and information to make it easier for students.

Object Analysis: <i>(Name of Object)</i>	Observe and Discuss <i>What can you find out about this object by using your senses?</i> <i>What can your group find out by talking about this object?</i>	Research <i>What questions would you like to answer about this object?</i>
History Who made it? When? Why? Who has owned it? Is there writing on it? Has it been changed since it was made?		
Physical Features What is it made of? Describe its shape, size, weight, smell and sound. Is this a complete object or part of one?		
Construction How was the object made? Would this have needed special skills or equipment? Describe the materials it is made from?		
Function What was it made to do? Does it have a practical function? Is it a toy? Is it decorative?		
Design Does it do what it should? How well? Has the design of similar objects changed over time?		
Value What is it worth? How do we establish value? Who would find it valuable? Why? Has it changed? Why? Does it have sentimental value? To whom? Why?		
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