



OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT MUSEUM OBJECTS

Use these questions to observe and investigate different museum objects.



1

Do you know who owned or used this object?

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How was this object made? Is it handmade? Did a machine make it?

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Who do you think made the object?

4

How big or small is the object? Does it look heavy?

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What do you think the object feels like? What materials are used?

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Do you think the object smells like anything?

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Does the object make any sounds?

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Are there any writings, drawings, or patterns on the object?

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Does this object make you think or feel anything?

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What seems special about this object?

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What is the purpose of the object? Are there many purposes?

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How would you explain this object to other people?



OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT MUSEUM IMAGES

Use these questions to observe and investigate different museum photos.



1

What is the photograph showing?

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What people or what objects are in the photo?

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If there are people in the photo, how are they dressed? What are they doing?

4

If there are objects in the photo, what do they do or how do they work?

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What is happening in the photo?

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When was the photo taken? Can you tell what time of day or year it is?

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Was the photo taken inside or outside? Does that tell anything?

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Is the photo in color or black and white? What might that mean?

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Do the subjects of the photo seem aware that their picture is being taken?

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What might be happening around the scene of the photo?

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Does the photographer seem to know the people or objects in the photo?

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Why do you think this photo was taken?
