



Maritime Artifacts Worksheet

Directions

1. Work in small groups of 3-5 to complete this activity.
2. Choose from one of the three exhibit areas below.
3. Locate that area in the visitor center. Choose one of the artifacts listed in the boxes below or another one in the same area.
4. Look at the artifact carefully and answer the questions below.

What is it like at sea?	What has this light witnessed?	Why is water so important to transportation?
Rigger's Knife Doll Other	Lighthouse Lens Lightning Rod Other	Sextant Compass in a Box Other

Questions

1. Make a quick sketch of your chosen artifact:
2. What is an unusual feature of this artifact? What is the size, shape, texture, and color?
3. How do you think the artifact was constructed? What materials were used to make it? Was it made by hand, a machine, in pieces, all at once, over a period of time, or by one person?
4. What was the function or use of this artifact? How would you use it?
5. Is there an object today that is like this artifact in its physical features, construction, and function?

Write your answers on the other side.