



## History in Household Objects Chart

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For each household object, ask:					
Time Period?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1950s	<input type="checkbox"/> 1960s	<input type="checkbox"/> 1970s	<input type="checkbox"/> 1980s	<input type="checkbox"/> 1990s
<b>What?</b>	<p>Was it considered a "high-tech" object in its day?</p> <p>What kinds of new technologies were coming into the home then?</p>				
<b>Who?</b>	<p>Who used the object?</p> <p>Who made the decision to buy it? Was it something that "belonged" to everyone, or was it used only by certain family members -- for example, by kids more than parents, or by fathers more than mothers? Was it an object that marked one's role in the family?</p>				
<b>When?</b>	<p>When was it used -- on special occasions or everyday? During family times or by individual family members?</p>				

<b>Where?</b>	What role did the object play in the home? Was it a labor-saving device? A source of leisure time entertainment? Part of the decor that makes a house a home?
<b>Why?</b>	Was there any particular status associated with the object?  Was it the sign of a certain lifestyle or social attitude?  Would you be likely to see it in a "traditional" household, a "modern" household, a "well-to-do" household?
<b>How?</b>	How was the object used by families?  Did it say something about the character of the family and how they spent time together?