Artifact Analysis Worksheet

1.	TYPE OF ARTIFACT
	Describe the material from which it was made: bone, pottery, metal, wood, stone, leather, glass, paper, cardboard, cotton, wood, plastic, other material.
2.	SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE ARTIFACT
	Describe how it looks and feels: shape, color, texture, size, weight, movable parts, anything printed, stamped or written on it.
3.	USES OF THE ARTIFACT
	A. What might it have been used for?
	B. Who might have used it?
	C. Where might it have been used?
	D. When might it have been used?
4.	WHAT DOES THE ARTIFACT TELL US
	A. What does it tell us about technology of the time in which it was made and used?
	B. What does it tell us about the life and times of the people who made it and used it?
	C. Can you name a similar item today?
5.	BRING A SKETCH, A PHOTOGRAPH, OR THE ARTIFACT LISTED IN 4C ABOVE TO CLASS.

Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

Level 1				
Visuals	Words (not all cartoons include words)			
1. List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.	 Identify the cartoon caption and/or title. Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon. Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon. 			
Level 2	1			
Visuals	Words			
 Which of the objects on your list are symbols? What do you think each symbol means? 	4. Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?5. List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.			
Level 3				
A. Describe the action taking place in the caB. Explain how the words in the cartoon cla				
C. Explain the message of the cartoon.				

D. What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?

Written Document Analysis Worksheet

	TYPE OF DOCUMENT (Check one):				
1.	Newspaper Letter Patent Memorandum	Map Telegra Press ru Report	elease		 Advertisement Congressional record Census report Other
2.	UNIQUE PHYSICAL QU	JALITIES OF TH	IE DOC	UMENT	Γ (Check one or more):
	Interesting letterhead Handwritten Typed Seals	d			tations ECEIVED" stamp her
3.	DATE(S) OF DOCUMEN	NT:			
4.	AUTHOR (OR CREATO	R) OF THE DOC	UMEN'	Г:	
	POSITION (TITLE):				
5.	FOR WHAT AUDIENCE	E WAS THE DOC	CUMEN	T WRIT	TEN?

6.	DOCUMENT INFORMATION (There are many possible ways to answer A-E.)
	A. List three things the author said that you think are important:
	B. Why do you think this document was written?
	C. What evidence in the document helps you know why it was written? Quote from the document.
	E. List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written:
	E. Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document:

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Photo Analysis Worksheet

Ste	p 1.	Observation			
Α.		Study the photograph for then examine individual i section to see what new d	items. Next, divide the phot	impression of the photograph and o into quadrants and study each	
В.		Use the chart below to lis	t people, objects, and activi	ties in the photograph.	
		People	<u>Objects</u>	Activities	

Step 2. Inference			
		Based on what you have observed above, list three things you might infer from this photograph.	
Ste	p 3.	Questions	
A.		What questions does this photograph raise in your mind?	
В.		Where could you find answers to them?	

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