



TRIPHENA BOWL WORKSHEET



OBJECT ANALYSIS GUIDE

Observe the picture of the Triphena Bowl on the Primary Source Card without reading its text description. Answer the following questions as you follow the steps below to guide your analysis of this historical object.

Step One: Use your eye

1. What material is this object made of? Is it made of one or multiple materials?
2. What size is the object?
3. Does the texture appear to be soft? Smooth? Firm? Rough?
4. How is this object shaped?
5. What color is this object?
6. What, if any, markings or decorations are on this object?
7. Does this object appear new? Or does it appear old, damaged, or worn?
8. How would you describe this object to someone who was not looking at it?

Step Two: Think about your other senses

1. Do you think this object is heavy or light? Why?
2. Would this object smell like anything? Why?
3. What might this object feel like? Would it feel different in different areas? Why?

Step Three: Draw Conclusions

1. Does this object remind you of any other objects you're familiar with?
2. What do you think this object was used for? What do you see that makes you say that?
3. Who do you think may have used this object?
4. When do you think this object was used?

Step Four: Remain Curious

1. What do you wish you knew about this object?
2. What is still mysterious about this object?

REFLECTION

Consider the following questions and record your answers below.

1. Why do you think this object was put into the Museum's collection?

2. What sorts of stories might this object tell about the past?

Now, read the text description on the next page of the Triphena Bowl Primary Source Document.

Then answer the questions below.

3. What other sorts of objects might you expect to see at the Museum of the American Revolution?

4. What kinds of stories do you think the Museum tells?

5. What kinds of stories do objects in your home tell? Pick an object from your home and share its meaning below.