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Grade level: 4


Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the objects pictured at the above link one at a time while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

1. Why do you think his mouth is open?

2. What are other special or interesting features of the artifact? What might these features represent?

3. What might the artifact be made from?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What kind of activity might the prehistoric Ohioans have been engaged in while using this artifact?

2. How do you think the Adena people made these objects?

3. What sort of person do you think the Adena individual who was buried with the pipe was to his people? Why?

Level III: Analysis

1. Do you think this mound’s land owners should have been allowed to use the mound for agricultural purposes? Why or why not?

2. Why is it important for archaeologists and historians to study and interpret the lives of prehistoric Indians?