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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the object located at the above link 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. What do you think this is?
2. What might this machine have been used for?
3. Where do you think you would find a machine like this?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Do you think that it took any special skills to operate this machine?
2. Do you think that there were a lot of machines like this during this time period? Explain.
3. About what time period do you think this machine was used?

Level III: Analysis

1. Compare and contrast this machine with modern machines that perform similar functions.
2. How might this machine have changed or improved the culture in which it was used?

