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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the object located on the next page (and 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?

