Material Culture Analysis Worksheet

Object Description

Form: ________________________________________________________________

Measurements: height: _____; width: _____; depth: _____; other: ______________

Materials: _____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Construction: __________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

No. of parts: ___________________________________________________________

Style: _________________________________________________________________

Special markings: _______________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Signs of damage or repair: _______________________________________________
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Using the graphing sheet, draw the object and denote any special features listed above.

Object Use

1. Who created the object?
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2. How was it created?
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3. Where was it created?
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4. What was it used for?
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5. How was it used?
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6. Who used it?
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7. Where was it used?
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8. When was it used?
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9. Did the user change or modify it? How?
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10. How common was the object?
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11. Is there anything we have today that is similar or performs a similar function?
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Object Analysis

1. On a separate sheet of paper, write a short essay describing what the object says about the person who created it, the person who used it? *Address the following issues: (1) technology, (2) environment, (3) economics of the society and individual, (4) social status, (5) ethnicity or nationality and (5) religious affiliation.*

2. Using the information from Essay #1, compare and contrast our society with the society of the person who used the object.