



Artifact Analysis

An artifact is anything that is made or changed by humans. If it is 50 years old, it is considered historic. If it was made before written language, it is called prehistoric. If it was made before the time of first contact with Europeans or other non-indigenous people, it can be called pre-contact.

Look closely at an artifact then answer these questions:

From what is the artifact made?

How does it look and feel?

For what could it have been used?

What does it tell us about the lives of the people who used it?

Can you name a similar item today?