

## Placer County Museum Artifact Analysis

Students can learn about history through objects, which reveal intimate stories and sweeping histories. To engage with these objects, students can use this analysis handout to further study a specific artifact from our Artifact Highlights: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/6510/Artifact-Highlights>

### **Material (Circle all that apply):**

Bone

Pottery

Metal

Wood

Stone

Leather

Glass

Paper

Cardboard

Fabric

Plastic

Other (list):

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### **Describe the artifact as if you were explaining it to someone who can't see it:**

**Color**

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**Shape**

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**Size**

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**Texture (bumpy, smooth, rough, etc.)**

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**Age**

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**Parts**

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**Anything printed or written on it**

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**Condition**

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**Weight**

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**Try to make sense of this object and where it came from to best of your abilities:**

- Where is it from?
- When was it made and used?
- What was it used for? Why do you think this?
- Who used it? Why do you think this?
- What does this tell you about the people who made and used it?
- What does this tell you about technology and culture at the time that it was made?
- Are there any similar objects in use today?

**How does this object act as evidence about the period it is from?**

*For example, a Civil War soldier's uniform can tell you about the Civil War, 19<sup>th</sup> century military technology and dress.*

- What does this artifact tell you that you might not learn from another source?

**Draw the artifact:**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing the artifact. The box is currently blank.