

INTERVIEWING WITH AN ARTIFACT

Name: _____

OBSERVE

What do you think this object is?

What type of object is it? (Describe the material from which it was made.)

Does it have any special qualities? (How does it look? Feel? Is there anything written on it?)

CONSIDER

What do you think this was used for?

Have you seen anything like this before? _____

How do you feel about this item? Do you have any experiences with something like this item? What were they?

Without talking to the owner of this item, what can you guess about it?

INTERVIEW

What is it? (Ask this question even if you think you know the answer.)

Who used or uses it? What was it used for?

Why is this important to the person who brought it? How do they feel about it?

Is there a story or memory that is special about this object? What is it?

REFLECT

Write 1-2 sentences about what is most important about the artifact you interviewed.

Turn to the other page of this sheet and look at what you wrote about the item before you did the interview. Do you think that your feelings about the object changed before you did your interview? Do you think that if you hated the item that your partner was holding that you would ask different questions?
