Object Analysis Graphic Organizer

Dear Caregiver or Educator,

Welcome to the Autry's Collections Online! We invite you to use the Autry's Collections Online as a resource for learning at home or in the classroom. The Autry Museum of the American West's collection includes thousands of items that tell stories about the different people of the American West. Encourage your child(ren) or students to look closely at objects from the Autry's Collections Online and to think critically about them using the following steps.

1) Visit theautry.org/research.



2) Click on <u>search the collections</u> or <u>online</u> <u>collections database</u> in the Overview section.



3) Type key words in the Search Collections Online box and press enter. Examples of key words might include basket, bison, Gold Rush, Manifest Destiny, railroad, Tongva or other tribe name, etc.



4) Scroll through the images.



5) Select and click on an image.



6) Click on the image again within the record.



7) Click on zoom in in the Image Organizer.



8) Share the image with your child(ren) or students. Ask them to complete STEPS 1-3 on the Object Analysis graphic organizer.

9) Click on Exit Image Organizer.



AUTRY MUSEUM 10) Share the detailed information to the left of the image with your child(ren) or students. Ask them to complete STEPS 4-5 on the Object Analysis graphic organizer.



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The Autry Museum of the American West is a museum located in Griffith Park in Los Angeles, California. The Autry Museum has a collection with thousands of artifacts that are made available to people in different ways including online. Artifacts can be items such as artwork (e.g. paintings), documents (e.g. letters), or objects (e.g. tools). The artifacts in the Autry Museum's collection tell stories about the different people of the American West. During this activity, you are going to analyze or study an image of an object from the Autry's Collections Online using the following steps.

STEP 1 - Look closely at the image of the object. Then describe the object by answering the questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

MY ANSWERS

LOOK CLOSELY AT THE IMAGE OF THE OBJECT

What does the object look like? Describe its color, shape, size, etc.	
What material(s) do you think the object is made of?	
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Make a sketch (a simple and quick drawing) of the object.	

STEP 2 - Analyze the object by thinking about what the object is. Write what you think the object is in

the space below or on a separate piece of paper. Explain your thinking.

I think the object is a/an _____

because

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STEP 3 - Think about what questions you have about the object. Examples of questions might include: Who made the object? When was the object made? What was the object used for? Why does the

object look the way it does? Write your questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper. Question #1: Question #2: ____ Question #3: Question #4: _____ STEP 4 - Read the detailed information about the object to learn more about it and to see if you can find the answers to any of your questions from STEP 3. Then write what you learned about the object in the space below or on a separate piece of paper. The object is a/an One thing I learned about the object is ______ Another thing I learned about the object is ______

STEP 5 - Show the sketch you made of the object to someone else (classmate, family member, friend, teacher, etc.). Then share what you learned about the object with them.

