

TEECE MUSEUM OF CLASSICAL ANTIQUITIES





Object Based Learning

This exercise can be carried out in the classroom in preparation for your visit to the museum or as a post-visit activity to reinforce what students have learnt during their visit. It is designed to encourage students to investigate objects by evaluating information and ideas beyond texts, and select and use source information to confidently express ideas. These strategies will then be carried over into other disciplines where students will be able to use the investigative techniques to evaluate objects and information in relation to their history, culture, and context.

Divide the students into groups and give each group an object from this resource. Students are to look at the object and in groups compile 8 different questions about the object. Encourage students to ask questions as if they were an archaeologist making a new discovery. Students can use the worksheet provided with this activity to compile their questions.

As a class, each question should be assessed to determine whether the question relates directly to the form of the object, its function, or its history. As a class decide if the object itself can answer the question, and if not, brainstorm where you might find the answers.

Questions students could ask:

What is the object made of?

Who used the object?

How was the object made?

When was the object made?

What does the object look like?

What is the object used for?

Does the object smell?

Where was the object found?

Further information about each object can be found in:

Greene, J. R. *The Logie Collection: a catalogue of the James Logie Memorial Collection of Classical Antiquities at the University of Canterbury*. Christchurch: Canterbury University Press, 2009.

Morrison, G. et. Al. *We Could be Heroes: The Gods and Heroes of the Ancient Greeks and Romans*. Christchurch: Canterbury University Press, 2017.

Or online at:
www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz/logie/visit.shtml

For a PDF of this resource visit:
www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz/logie/teachers.shtml

Object Based Learning Worksheet

Object Name: _____

Question	Form/Function/History	Where can I find the answer?



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