

## Teacher Guide to Student Worksheet 1-Objects of the One-Room Schoolhouse



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### Artifact Analysis

#### **1. What are these objects?**

Inkpot and quills

#### **2. From what materials do you think are they made?**

The inkpots look like they are mostly made of glass. The quills are feathers.

#### **3. What do you think they are used for?**

They are used for writing.

#### **4. Do we still use this object today? If not, what would we use today to perform the same job as this object?**

No, this object is rarely used today. The modern-day equivalent is the pen. (Other acceptable response: computer keyboard)

#### **5. Write down one question you have about this object.** [Accept any appropriate question.]

Examples: What bird do the feathers come from? How long does the ink last on the pen? What is "ink"?



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### **Artifact Analysis**

#### **1. What is this object?**

Pot-bellied stove

#### **2. From what materials do you think it is made?**

Iron

#### **3. What do you think it is used for?**

It is used to heat the classroom.

#### **4. Do we still use this object today? If not, what would we use today to perform the same job as this object?**

Some homes still have pot-bellied stoves. We also use oil, electric, and even solar heat to warm rooms today.

#### **5. Write down one question you have about this object.**

[Accept any appropriate question.]

Examples: What fuels the stove?  
How warm does it make the room?  
Could you explain how it works?



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### **Artifact Analysis**

**1. What is this object?**

Double outhouse

**2. From what materials do you think it is made?**

Wood

**3. What do you think it is used for?**

It is used as a toilet.

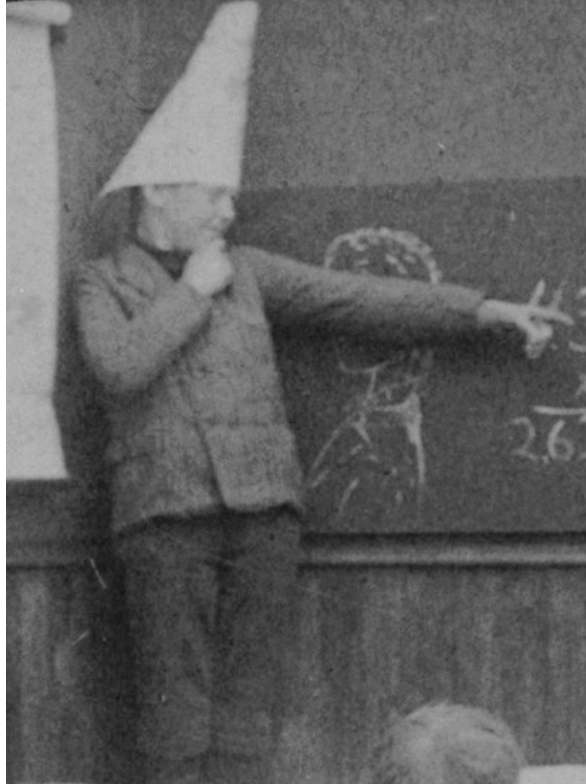
**4. Do we still use this object today? If not, what would we use today to perform the same job as this object?**

Outhouses are occasionally still seen at campsites or in rural areas. Most schools have restrooms today.

**5. Write down one question you have about this object.**

[Accept reasonable questions: Examples: Do students use them in the winter too? Are they clean? Where's the door?]





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### **Artifact Analysis**

**1. What is this object (on the boy's head)?**

Dunce cap/Fools cap

**2. From what materials do you think it is made?**

Paper, material

**3. What do you think it is used for?**

It was used as punishment for a student that was naughty and it implied being slow-in-learning.

**4. Do we still use this object today? If not, what would we use today to perform the same job as this object?**

No, students do not wear dunce caps anymore. Punishment for misbehavior can take a variety of forms including being sent to the principal's office.

**5. Write down one question you have about this object.**

[Accept reasonable questions: Example: How did this custom begin?]



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**Artifact Analysis**

**1. What is this object (sitting beside the dog)?**

Lunch basket

**2. From what materials do you think it is made?**

Wicker

**3. What do you think it is used for?**

It is used to carry the student's lunch.

**4. Do we still use this object today? If not, what would we use today to perform the same job as this object?**

While we may still use the basket for picnics, students today usually bring their lunches in a brown paper bag or buy cafeteria food.

**5. Write down one question you have about this object.**

[Accept reasonable questions: Examples: Why didn't students use paper bags? What kind of food did students bring for lunch in the baskets?]



### **Artifact Analysis**

**1. What is this object?**

Slate board

**2. From what materials do you think it is made?**

Slate and wood

**3. What do you think it is used for?**

It is used to write on.

**4. Do we still use this object today? If not, what would we use today to perform the same job as this object?**

No. Today we use paper.

**5. Write down one question you have about this object.**

[Accept reasonable questions: Example: Why does this board have the alphabet going down the side?]