

Archaeology Activity Drawing Artifacts

Goal: Draw several different artifacts.

Important! - Be sure to listen to the instructor and follow their directions closely.
Some objects may be sharp – take care when handling them.

What you will need

This drawing artifacts kit.
Sheets of paper and a pencil.
A scale for your drawing - such as a ruler.

Directions

- 1) Place all the artifacts on the table, spread them out and examine them as a group for a few minutes.
- 2) Select three to five objects that interest you. There are several different types of archaeological materials present; bone, ceramic, stone, and glass. Be careful when handling the glass objects especially.
- 3) For each objects you selected, draw at least two different sides of it. Often this means drawing the top side and the bottom side. For tall objects, you might want to draw their bottoms and a side. If you are using pencil you can trace the outline of the object to help you get.
- 4) When you have finished drawing the sides of any object, be sure to draw a scale for your drawing. This helps others to know how large the object is. You can do this by either measuring a few of the long parts of the object and writing that information on your drawing – or by drawing an accurate scale at the bottom of your object, typically showing how long one inch is for your objects. The easiest way to do this, is to draw your objects the actual size they are.
- 5) Draw as many objects as you like in the time you have.

Even if you do not consider yourself an artist, being accurate in your drawing in terms of shape, size, and texture of the artifact is more important than getting every part perfect – and will greatly help those that look at it later!



Thank you for doing the activity – hope you had fun!