

## Interpreting an Object

Be a history detective. Use this worksheet to help you interpret or explain an object from the past and figure out what it is.

1: Think of an object that was used in the past. Maybe it was something you saw on the virtual tour of the Ainsley House, or an object that you are interested in.

Draw a sketch of the object below:



2: Use your senses and list at least five words that describe your object. Think about what it looks like, how it feels, does it make a sound, does it have a smell?

3: What is the object's physical appearance?

a. What materials is the object made from (wood, metal, cloth, etc.)?

b. What is the size of the object?

e. Are there any decorations or words on the object and what are they?

c. How heavy is the object? Is it lighter or heavier than you thought it would be?

d. How many parts does the object have? How are they arranged? Do they open or close?

4: What can the object tell us?

a. How do you think the object was made (by hand, in a factory, tools used)?

b. Who do you think made the object (made by nature, man or woman, 1 person or many people)?

c. How do you think the object works?

d. When do you think the object was made or used?

e. Why do you think the object was made?

f. Who do you think used the object?

5. Why might the object be important?