

LAB 01: Object Analysis WORKSHEET

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Complete 1 worksheet for each object. You may respond to the questions below with text and/or images.

1. Name the object: Black earring (oxidized)

2. Describe the object (size, colour, material, handmade, manufactured, etc.):

My earring used to be gold but it has turned black and has stayed that way. It is made by stainless steel and it is a small ring, no bigger than my pinky.

It was handmade at a small shop in Victoria called "flux & stone"

3. What is the intended function(s) of the object:

The intended function of this object is to use as a jewelry

4. What is the cultural context of the object?

(What era was it made? Is there a geographical connection? Is there a connection to gender, class, or race? Is the object taboo, a banal everyday item, or sacred, etc?)

Jewelry like earrings have been around for many years now. According to google, the Ancient Egyptians were the first to wearing jewelry around 1650 BC. Jewelry has been worn by both genders, but woman tend to wear them more often than men.

5. Do you have a personal connection to the object?

(Does the object conjure a memory, symbol, or reaction for you on a personal level?)

I don't have the biggest connection to my earring because it is one of many that I own. But it is a statement for me because I've only accepted myself as a gay man a couple years ago and getting my ear pieced solidified that new love for myself. Now I feel naked when I don't wear an earring and it gives me a lot of confidence.

6. Name the ways the object can be manipulated? (Broken, wrapped, filled, burned, stitched, etc.)

Since the earring is a metal, it can be bent, melted, flattened (with the right tools) into any other shape the mind can think of.

7. Mental Associations 1: Name three (3) things/elements that have a commonality or similarity to this object.

1. Rings and toe rings have similarities to earrings. They are all hoop shaped and are worn on the body
2. Earrings have similarities to rocks. Metals come from rocks and minerals in the ground.
3. Earrings are sorta like clothes but for your skin.

8. Mental Associations 2: Name three (3) things/elements that are opposite or in contrast to this object.

- Square earrings. They have pointed edges in contrast to the smooth circle of a ring.
- Toe rings. They are worn on a body part that is closer to the ground as opposed to on your head
- Ring made with a plastic material. A ring made with plastic materials would be more weak.

