OBJECT OBSERVATION SHEET

Choose one object, specimen or art work and try to answer these questions about it.

Name of object____________________________________________________

FOCUSING:
What do I already know about it?

How do I feel about it?

What would I like to know about it?

EXPLORING:
What do I observe? (For example, color texture, background, materials, patterns, odor sound, structure, shape, form, size)

ANALYZING:
Is it the same or different from the things around it?

Based on what I have observed, why do I think it has these characteristics?

CONNECTING:
Why should I care about it?

Why do I think it is in a museum?

What sources outside of the museum could I use to answer my questions about it?

This worksheet is an adaptation of one designed and developed from the Smithsonian.