

Worksheet One: View and Respond

Name: _____

Visit the Decorative Arts Trust Collecting250 website (collecting250.com) and answer the questions found below. Your responses will help you understand how historical objects tell us about the people and cultures that made them. As you explore each category of object, think about how your own experiences relate to the objects you find.

Object Category (circle one):	
Textiles	Metalwork
Maps, Prints, and Paintings	Glass
Furniture and Clocks	Ceramics
Folk Art, Instruments, and Tools	
Object Title:	
Object Maker/Manufacturer/Origin:	
What is this object? <i>How is it like and different from similar objects in your own time and place? What might have been the intended function or use of this object? What materials might have been used to make this object? What tools might have been involved in its making? What kind of condition is the object in?</i>	
Why do you think the object looks the way it does? <i>What symbols, if any, do you see, and what might they mean? What story does this object have to share? What does this object tell us about the time and place in which it was made and used?</i>	
What do you like most about this object? <i>What prompted you to select it?</i>	
What more would you like to know about this object? <i>How might you find out more? Who might have made this object?</i>	