Answer Key

Stones, Bones, & Telephones: Analyzing Artifacts Using Bloom's Taxonomy

Thinking Level	Cue Words	Artifact Question
knowledge	define, recall, list, memorize	What is an artifact? Anything made or altered by man What is this artifact? A rusty key
comprehension	recognize, generalize	What is (was) this artifact generally used for? Opening things that are locked
application	illustrate, apply, show	What else could this artifact be used for? Answers will vary, e.g., a scraper, a bottle opener, a decorative antique object, etc.
analysis	relate, differentiate	Name one thing that could be substituted for this artifact. Answers will vary, e.g., a lock pick, a pry bar, etc.
synthesis	invent, imagine, formulate	What might be used in the future in place of this artifact? Answers will vary, e.g., electronic security system, touchpad, etc.
evaluation	compare, rate, justify, value	Which artifact is better, this one or the one you named as its substitute? Explain. Arguments can be made for either. Have students defend their choices.