



Unit VII Material Culture: The Stuff of Life
Lesson 2 Teaching and Learning Through Objects

Useful or Beautiful?






Name _____ Date _____

Directions: Find the following handmade objects in the **Creole State Exhibit** <www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/creole_home.html>. All have a function and thus have high **utility**, yet their makers also took the time and perfected the skill to make the objects pleasing to the eye.

Each of us has a different **aesthetic**. Look at each object carefully and decide whether *you* would choose to buy this item because it is *useful* or because it is *beautiful*. Keeping that in mind, rank each object *on your own scale* of **utility** to **beauty** below, by writing the number of the object on the line above the scale next to it. Compare and discuss responses then compile results on a class scale on the **Class Consensus Worksheet** <www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7w_class_consen.html>, a computer or posterboard.

1. White Oak Ax Handle http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_axe_hammer_froe.html	
2. Snake-Lizard Walking Stick http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_walking_stick.html	
3. Cypress Paddle http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_cypress_paddle.html	
4. Metal Triangle http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_triangle.html	
5. Catfish Trap http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_catfish_trap.html	
6. Hook http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_hook.html	



<p>7. Cotton Placemats http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_placemats.html</p>	
<p>8. Fiddle http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_fiddle.html</p>	
<p>9. Hunting Horn http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit4_hunting_horn.html</p>	
<p>10. Cypress Shingles http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_cypress_shingles.html</p>	
<p>11. Doily http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit3_isleno_doily.html</p>	
<p>12. Embroidered Tablecloth http://www.crt.state.la.us/folklife/edu_unit7_embroidered_tablecloth.html</p>	