

NC A&T University

African History as seen through Art and Archaeology

Museum of Anthropology Assignment

1. Go to the database for artifacts at the Museum of Anthropology, Wake Forest University and select three artifacts/art works and do the following:

a) Find a traditional African mask/headdress in the database and e-mail the info on that site to me (I WILL ASSIGN EVERYONE AN AFRICAN COUNTRY AND AN ETHNIC GROUP/TRIBE FOR THIS SEARCH).

Sample Countries and Groups : the Dogon of Mali, the Bamana of Mali, the Bobo of Burkino Faso, the Baule of Ivory Coast/Cote d' Ivoire, the Asante of Ghana, the Yoruba of Nigeria, the Ibo of Nigeria, the Bamoun of Cameroon, the Kuba of the Congo (DRC) or the Makonde of Tanzania/Mozambique

b) Find a traditional figure or statue from Africa in the database and e-mail the info to me from that site (I WILL ASSIGN EVERYONE AN AFRICAN COUNTRY AND AN ETHNIC GROUP/TRIBE FOR THIS SEARCH)

c.) Find a traditional house hold item/object (like a bowl or a basket or a stool) or a personal body item (like jewelry) in the database and e-mail the info on that site to me (YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM ANYWHERE'S IN AFRICA AS LONG AS IT IS TRADITIONAL)

Samples: Baskets of the Amharya of Ethiopia, knives of the Kuba, the Congo (DRC) or beaded aprons of the Zulu of South Africa

2. Using database for artifacts at the Museum of Anthropology, Wake Forest University select three artifacts/art works and do the following:

a) Re-do the catalog number and give a new number - see the first 2 Units about Museums and Collecting as well as Accessioning and after re-doing this e-mail to me (1989 - 1)

b) also add a pretend donor who gave the object (give the name of the person) and give a monetary value/cost to the objects chosen.

for example :Mask

Donor: Mr. John F. Kennedy

Value: \$4,000

c) also add the media/material as a line item (what the object is made of) when redoing these three items

For example: Mask

Materials Used: wood, cowrie shells and feathers

Final 3 Items will look like this

Mask (Agricultural)

Accession/catalog Number: **(1989 - 1)**

Country and Ethnic Group or Culture: **Yoruba, Nigeria**

Material: **wood, cowrie shells and feathers**

Donor: **Mr. John F. Kennedy**

Value: **\$4,000**