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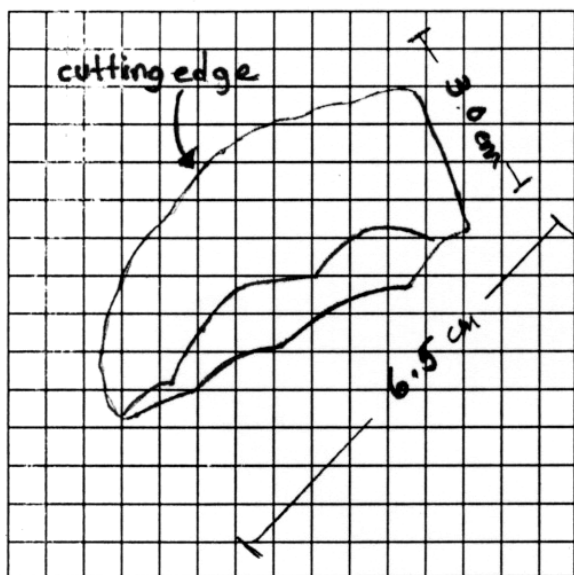
Artifact Analysis

Archaeologists are scientists who study the objects people made and used. These objects – pottery, tools, clothing, toys, and jewelry – are called **artifacts**. By **analyzing** (carefully studying) artifacts, we can learn a lot about the people who lived long ago. When archaeologists find artifacts made by ancient people, they study them very carefully, draw a picture of them, and keep a record of what they see by writing a **description** on a form like this one. How many details can you discover about this artifact?

Artifact No. 10 Analyst D. Gosser Date 3 / 27 / 99

Material: rhyolite [Is the object made of stone Wood? Clay (pottery)? Metal? Glass?]

Make a scale drawing of the artifact in the grid. Write a paragraph to describe the artifact and try to answer some of the questions listed below:



Banded red rock.
Flaked edge, May have
been cutting tool

Use these questions to help you write a paragraph describing the artifact:

- What is the artifact made of?
- Is it all the same color?
- What shape is the artifact?
- Is it rough or smooth?
- Is it curved or flat?
- How thick is it?
- Is the surface shiny or dull?
- Is the artifact just one small piece of something larger?
- If so, what do you think the whole object looked like?
- What do you think the whole object was used for?