

Extended Response Item

Standard: History 2

Cluster: 6-8



- Prompt:** Artifacts, such as coins, provide information or clues about societies and life during a period of history causing an historian to ask questions about the culture. Examine the coins pictured above. Write a question an historian might ask about something on the coins and its importance to the society. Explain your answer.

Response	
Question	Explanation
1. Who is the person on the coin?	Leader in society
2. Why is an animal or bird on the coin?	May be sacred to that society
3. Why are there horns on the person’s head?	May represent religious beliefs
4. Why is the person wearing a helmet?	Possibly militaristic society
Accept other reasonable questions and explanations.	

Rubric

- 2 = this response gives a valid answer with an accurate and relevant explanation
- 1 = this response gives a valid answer with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation
- 0 = inaccurate or no response.