

Benchmark: _History 2- 6-8

Brief Constructed Response Prompt:

Historians use artifacts to tell the story about what life was like during different periods of history or to explain events in history. Think about your home. Identify an item that would be an artifact and might be found in the year 2500. Explain what it would tell the historian about life in the 21st century.

Desired Response(s):

Item	Explanation
1. Microwave oven	Cooking was quick and often packaged foods
2. Cross	Importance of religion in society
3. Computer	Speed and wealth of information available, speed of communication
4. Art work	Values of society
5. Magazines, books	Issues, values, fashion, trends in society
6. Newspapers	Political issues and structure

There are numerous other items and explanations that should be accepted if reasonable

Rubric

2 = This response gives a valid _____ with an accurate and relevant _____.

1 = This response gives a valid _____ with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no _____.

0 = inaccurate or no response