Your paper will be a critique of an artifact which is a man-made product of a specific time and place. First, your paper should have your name, date, professor’s name and the class. This information will vary in location on your paper whether your using APA or MLA formatting styles (See Manuals for appropriate formatting style). Next, a title is necessary for an organized paper. Your title could be simple like the name of the artifact (Vaphio Cup), the assignment (Paper #2), or a title you created (The Most Beautiful painting in Ecuador”). You can write about, a building, bridge, poem, short story, dance, song, freestanding structure, instrument, hairstyle, a type of clothing, movie, myth, legend, epic, etc. The format of your paper should be in a basic five paragraph form used for most research papers. Your paper should have an intro with a thesis, a body with three minimum paragraphs for your main ideas, and a conclusion. After you have chosen a topic, you need to develop a thesis that explains your thoughts or main ideas about the artifact. Your thesis statement should be a general statement about your topic and your unique perspective or viewpoint about your artifact. Thesis statement= your topic + an argument. Your thesis statement should be in your intro paragraph. The body of your paper will be three main ideas that address the importance of the object from your perspective i.e. background or history, ideas, techniques or technologies, themes or ideas. Main ideas are not limited to these examples, be creative and think outside of the box. Here are some more examples: artist’s, author’s, director’s, or playwright’s background and life; awards; summary of the artifact; a discussion of technologies or techniques, character analysis, plot summary, public or personal commentaries, materials, etc. These main ideas will be three points that you can discuss in the body of your paper. Finally, you need a conclusion that closes or concludes your paper.