

The Kitchen Site: Data Collection

1. Make observations of the site and its objects. List your observations. Next to each observation, make an inference about the people who used this room.

Quadrant 1

Object	Observations	Inferences

Quadrant 2

Object	Observations	Inferences

Quadrant 3

Object	Observations	Inferences

Quadrant 4

Object	Observations	Inferences



2. What do you wonder about as you observe the room? Write three or more questions.

3. Choose your best question and write below.

4. Answer the question in question 3 using data and evidence from the room.

The Historic Ranch Dilemma

You are visiting a state park, which is a historic ranch site with a farmhouse and barn partially intact. There is a large sign by the buildings saying:

“These buildings are very fragile! Do not take anything, and do not walk on, or go into the buildings. All objects found here help to teach how people lived in the past. Respect this site by leaving all objects where they lay and stay outside the site unless accompanied by a park ranger.”

You are eating your lunch when a family arrives and ignores the sign. Kids are walking into the buildings, picking up animal bones and seeds, and kicking old tin cans. What do you do?

- Ask the family politely if they have read the sign
- Ignore them; it is really none of your business.
- Tell them they are breaking the law.
- Say nothing and try to hike out first, to find a ranger and report them.
- Other

Be prepared to explain your choice based on what you have learned about context in this lesson.

