

**Brainstorming for the Five Minute Object Lesson**  
**2019 Garden Docent Training**  
**Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens**

Choose an object that is a likely candidate for the object you will present on for your Five Minute Object Lesson. Use the mobile app to look at images, if needed. Feel free to work in groups, or with a partner.

Use this worksheet to write down your thoughts for each step of developing a lesson plan. This is practice for writing your lesson plan for your Five Minute Object Lesson. Feel free to ask Lisa & Audra questions.

1. *Identify your audience.....who are they? Think about their needs.....what are they?*

2. *What is the object you have chosen, and where is it located?*

3. *"Read" the object. Brainstorm what you see and what you know about the object. (You would do research on your own at home.)*

4. *Distill the brainstorm in Question 3 down to three big ideas about its design, function and relationship to Marjorie Post and the museum's mission in caring and preserving it today.*

*First big idea:*

*Second big idea:*

*Third big idea:*

**Turn over, please**

5. *List a few questions you could ask your audience that introduces each of the three big ideas brainstormed in Question 4.*

*Question(s) for Big Idea #1:*

*Question(s) for Big Idea #2:*

*Question(s) for Big Idea #3:*

6. *Write several objectives for the lesson that are clear, defined, and use action verbs by completing the following sentence.*

*After completing this lesson, visitors will be better able to:*

1.

2.

7. *Develop an introduction with an advance organizer that does three things: finds out a bit about what the audience knows, lets them know where you are going with this object (your theme), and arouses their curiosity or challenges them to think.*

8. *Develop an introductory "hook" question---a question that grabs their attention.*

9. *Write a conclusion that sums up the lesson and refers back to your objectives.*

10. *Write a question that assesses what the visitors will take away from your lesson.*