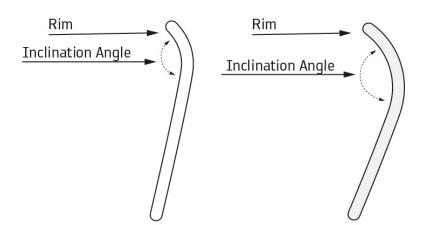


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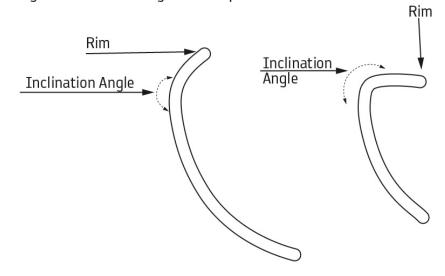


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question1c_flareInRim

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The rim is inverted or has a convex angle near the rim causing it to curve inward. The inclination angle can be either slight or sharp.

question2_partHandleSherds

HANDLE SHERDS

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There are four main types of handles; knob, lug, loop, and straight. The styles of each can vary in style and size. Evidence of handles can often be easily observed because they be found on many ceramic vessels. Jars and mugs can have many different handle types, ladles will typically have a straight handle. Evidence of handles can be found because they are still directly attached or where the handle was broken off, this is typically observed as a crescent hole in the sherd.





LUG HANDLES





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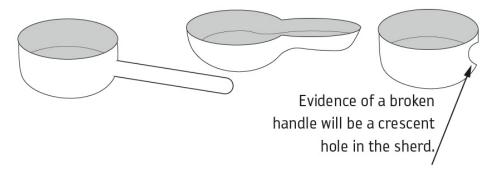
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question2a_ladleHandle

LADLE HANDLES

The non handle portion of the vessel is shaped like a bowl, but with tighter rim curvature. Evidence of a handle or handle attachment may be present. Ladle handles are long and straight: dippers in their entireties are shaped like gourds what have been cut in half longitudinally. If a handle was broken off it will typically have even crescent hole in the sherd.



LADLE HANDLES

The non-handle portion of the vessel, the dipper, is shaped like a gourd or a small bowl. Ladle handles, however, are long and straight. If the handle was broken off you may observe a crescent-shaped hole where it was attached.

question2b_jarHandle

JAR HANDLES

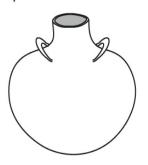
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JAR HANDLES

The most common jar handles are called lug handles. These may vary in size, but have the same general shape with handles on both sides of the vessel. The size of the handles will depend on the size and shape of the jar. If a handle was broken off it will typically have a crescent-shaped hole in the sherd.







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question2c_muqHandle

MUG/PITCHER HANDLES

Mugs are small and have straight, upright sides, a flat rim and base, and a thin, vertical handle. The vessel's rim, handle, and exterior surface are often slipped, polished, and painted with intricate, small-scale designs. There may be a crescent-shaped hole where the handle once was.

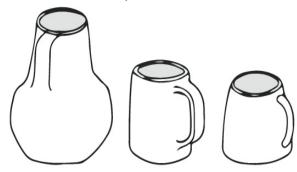


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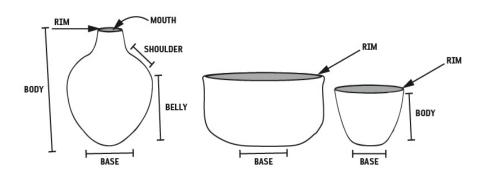
Question3_curvature

CURVATURE

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SPHERE



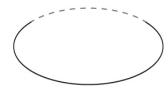
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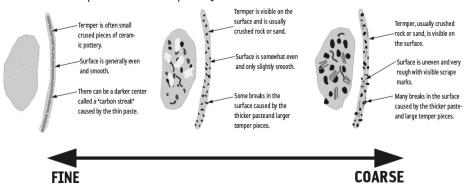
question4_temperPaste TEMPER & PASTE

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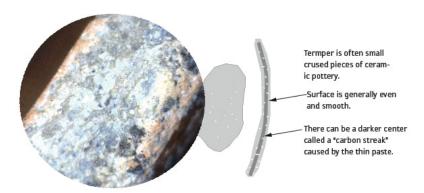


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question4a fineTemperPaste

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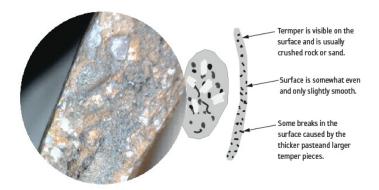
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question4b_courseTemperPaste

COURSE TEMPER & PASTE

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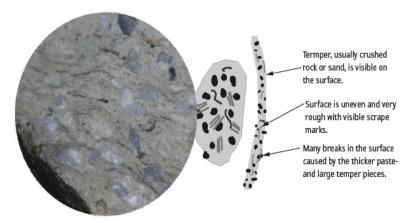
COURSE TEMPER & PASTE

Medium-sized particles make up coarse temper. This temper is typically from crushed rock or sand. This creates a more coarse texture in the paste. While the particles are typically visible they appear more smooth on the higher points of the pottery wall.

question4c_veryCourseTemperPaste

VERY COURSE TEMPER & PASTE

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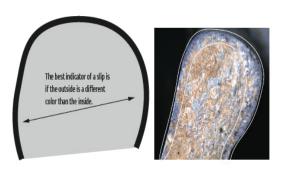
Question5_slip

SLIP

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A slip is a thin wash of water and clay applied to the surface of a piece of pottery after it is formed. The slip is often a different color than the underlying paste and can be visible as a layer on top of the pottery.



A slip is a thin wash of water and clay applied to the surface of a piece of pottery after it is formed but before it is fired. The slip is often a different color than the underlying paste and can be visible as a layer on top of the original paste the form was made from.

question6_surfaceTreatments

SURFACE TREATMENT

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POLISH



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When the ceramic vessel is leather hard, a small, smooth stone is rubbed in a circular motion on its surface. This polishing produces a smooth, slippery-when-wet, surface that can also appear to have a sheen (soft shine).

question6b_corrugation

CORRUGATION

Corrugated surfaces come in different texture styles that are made by impressions such as baskets, tools, and fingers. Basket impressed vessels are molded into a basket. Finger and tool impressed vessles are are coiled, smoothed on the inside, and then using a finger or tool to connect the coils on the outside. The purpose of these impressions are to create a texture to make these vessels easier to handle, especially around liquid and fire.







BASKET IMPRESSED

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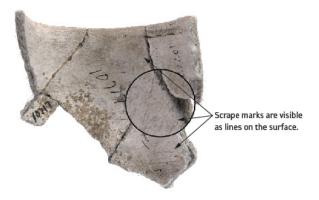
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Question6c_smooth.jpg

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Smoothing is when a scraper or hand is used to create a flat surface, rubbing out the coils or impressions from the vessel before it's fired. This can leave some minor scrape marks on the surface.

question7_paintLocation.jpg

PAINT

There are two main types of paint, mineral and carbon paint. Mineral paint is made mainly from iron oxide made from rocks with high iron content, typically manganse. It covers the surface but doesn't soak in and the slip is visible under the paint. Carbon paint is made from carbonized surgers created by boiling the leaves of specific plants, typically it is charcoal based. It soaks into the surface causing it to have a stained appearance (a washed out look).



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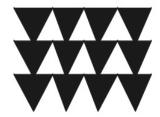


LARGE SCALE INTRICATE DESIGNS/PATTERNS

These are a few examples of large scale intricate design patterns:







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