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## MHS Local Vocabulary List for Archaeology Terms

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### VOCABULARY HELP:

[http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting\\_research/vocabularies/aat/](http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/aat/)

<http://www.tc.umn.edu/~bakk0029/MinnLith/index.html>

1987 Justice, Noel A., *Stone Age Spear and Arrow points of the Midcontinental and Eastern United States*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington, Indiana.

Terms listed in **boldface** are **Local** vocabulary terms.

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### Format:

Use case as listed in the AAT

Use singular forms for nouns and –ed forms for verbs.

Term enclosed by “<>” are guide terms, **not** vocabulary terms, just headings.

“=” Indicates non-preferred variations; do not use **except** for the –ed forms listed above.

### Object Facet

#### Components Hierarchy

##### component

<components by general context>

##### fastener

anchor (fastener)

anchor plate

**hook anchor plate**

##### nail

<nails by location or context>

**shoe nail**

##### screws

<screws by form>

<screws by form: head type>

cap screws

Phillips head screws

##### **tang**

##### hardware

<hardware by location or context>

furniture hardware

<components by specific context>

architectural element



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<surface elements and surface element components>

<surface element components>

**glazing point**

muntin

<container components>

closure

coves (closure)

**canning seal**

<handles: container components>

**loop handle (container component)**

**strap handle**

bodies (container components)

collars (container components)

**finish (container component)**

lips (container components)

beak

**castellated lip**

**flattened lip**

**folded lip**

**notched lip**

**pinched lip**

**pointed lip**

**rolled lip**

**rounded lip**

rim

**channeled rim**

**collared rim**

**curved rim**

**direct rim**

**everted rim**

galleried rims

**inverted rim**

**s-rim**

**straight rim**

string rim

**vertical rim**

Containers Hierarchy

container

<containers by form>

vessel

jar

**canning jar**

**= fruit jar**



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pot  
**pinch pot**

Furnishings and Equipment  
Costume

costume  
<costume accessories>  
**tinkler**

Tools and Equipment  
equipment  
<equipment by context>  
<fishing and trapping tools and equipment>  
**net sinker**

Recreational Artifacts  
<recreational artifacts>  
<recreational artifacts for noncompetitive activities>  
toy (recreational artifact)  
<toys by form>  
toy automobile

Object Genre Hierarchy

<object genres>  
<object genres by form>  
<beads and sets of beads>  
bead  
<beads by form>  
**bugle bead**  
**seed bead**  
**wire-wound bead**  
<beads by function>  
trade bead  
**cornaline d'aleppo**  
**=Hudson's Bay bead**

biface  
**final thinning stage biface**  
**initial edging stage biface**  
**primary thinning stage biface**

core (object genre)  
**bipolar core**  
**blade core**  
**platform core**

debitage  
flake (object genre)  
**bipolar flake**



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**blade flake**  
    **prismatic blade**  
**decortication flake**  
    **primary decortication flake**  
    **secondary decortication flake**  
**primary flake**  
**secondary flake**  
**thinning flake**  
    **bifacial thinning flake**  
    **=biface thinning flake**  
    **primary thinning flake**  
    **secondary thinning flake**  
    **tertiary flake**

**microdebitage**

**shatter**

fragment

**base fragment**

**proximal fragment**

**medial fragment**

**distal fragment**

**tip fragment**

sherd

    potsherd

**base sherd**

**body sherd**

**neck sherd**

        rim sherd

**shoulder sherd**

**spall**

uniface

**denticulate**

<object genres by material>

ceramic

    pottery (object genre)

        earthenware

        earthenware

        creamware

        faïence fine

        Queen's ware

        delftware

        faience (earthenware)

        lusterware

        maiolica



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marbled ware  
agate ware  
mocha ware  
pearlware  
redware  
yellowware  
stoneware  
ironstone (pottery)  
whiteware  
electrical porcelain

Tools and Equipment Hierarchy

equipment  
<equipment by context>  
<animal equipment>  
horseshoe (animal equipment)  
**ox shoe**  
<equipment by process>  
<cutting equipment>  
<cutting tools>  
adze  
augers  
axe  
celt  
chisel  
**chopper**  
gouge  
graver  
knife (cutting tool)  
**backed knives**  
<flintknapping equipment>  
**anvilstone**  
**flaker**  
**pressure flaker**  
hammerstone  
<piercing tools>  
awl  
<shaping and guiding equipment>  
<shaping and guiding tools>  
mold  
**blow-back mold**  
dip mold  
full-size mold  
**hinged mold**



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part-size mold  
**pattern mold**  
piece mold  
**poly-part mold**  
**press mold**  
**Ricketts mold**  
**turn mold**  
    =**paste mold**  
waste mold  
<surface working and finishing equipment>  
<surface working and finishing tools and accessories>  
**abrader**  
scraper (finishing tool)  
**concave scraper**  
**distolateral scraper**  
**endscraper**  
**humpback scraper**  
**keeled scraper**  
**sidescraper**  
**spurred scraper**  
**thumbnail scraper**

Materials Facet

Materials Hierarchy

materials

<materials by composition>  
    <combination inorganic/organic material>  
    <combination inorganic/organic animal material>  
        bone  
            <bone by form>  
                antler  
            <tooth and tooth components>  
                tooth  
                tusk  
inorganic material  
    <clay and clay products>  
        <clay products>  
            <ceramic and ceramic products>  
                ceramic  
                    biscuit  
                    porcelain  
    <glass and glassmaking mixtures>  
        glass  
            <glass by form>



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- sheet glass
  - =**flat glass**
- mineral
  - galena
  - quartz
    - chalcedony
    - agate
      - Lake Superior agate**
      - Gunflint silica**
      - Kakabeka chert**
      - jasper taconite**
      - Tongue River silica**
      - silicified wood**
- rock
  - igneous rock
    - <igneous rock by composition>
    - <igneous rock by composition: chemical>
    - acid igneous rock
    - felsite
      - anorthosite**
  - metamorphic rock
    - quartzite
      - Baraboo quartzite**
      - Barron quartzite**
  - sedimentary rock
    - <sedimentary rock by composition>
    - argillaceous rock
    - argillite
    - chert
      - Burlington chert**
      - Cedar Valley chert**
      - Cobden Dongola chert**
        - = Cobden chert
        - = Cobden flint
        - = Dongola chert
        - = hornstone
      - Cochrane chert**
    - flint
      - Knife River flint**
        - =Knife River chalcedony
    - Galena chert**
    - Grand Meadow chert**
    - Hudson Bay Lowland chert**
    - Moline chert**



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**Prairie du Chien chert**  
**Red River chert**  
**Silurian chert**  
**Swan River chert**

claystone

marlstone

mudstone

*pipestone*

=*catlinite*

sandstone

<sandstone by composition>

<sandstone by composition: aggregate type>

siliceous sandstone

= orthoquartzite

= silica sandstone

**Alma quartzite**

=**Alma silicified sandstone**

Amherst sandstone

Aquia Creek sandstone

Dunville sandstone

**Hixton quartzite**

=**Hixton silicified sandstone**

silica (mineral)

**taconite**

<materials by function>

coating (material)

<coating by location or context>

glaze

ceramic glaze

<ceramic glaze by composition or origin>

alkaline glaze

Bristol glaze

celadon

lead glaze

**mocha glaze**

slip glaze

tin glaze

<materials by origin>

animal material

<animal material by form or function>

<skeleton and skeleton components>

skeleton



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sponge

<skeleton components>

**broad bone**

**long bone**

**short bone**

**epiphysis**

mandible

skull (skeleton component)

spicule

**(element name – use as needed)**

Activities Facet

Process and Techniques Hierarchy

<processes and techniques>

<processes and techniques by specific type>

<additive and joining processes and techniques>

alteration (process and technique)

=altered

reworking

=reworked

<surface covering processes and techniques>

coating (process)

**slipping**

**=slipped**

**tempering (additive process)**

**=tempered (additive process)**

<analysis and testing techniques>

**soil flotation**

<condition changing processes>

<surface or structural changes>

chipping

**edge modification**

**=edge-modified**

exfoliation

=exfoliated

cracking

**fire cracking**

**=fire-cracked**

<finishing and refinishing processes>

finishing (process)

**smoothing**

**=smoothed**

<image making processes and techniques>

<printing and printing processes and techniques>



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printing  
transfer printing  
= transfer-printed  
**flow blue**

<processes and techniques by material>

<pottery techniques>

<pottery decorating techniques>

<**pottery decorating techniques: impressing**>

**cord impressing**

=cord-impressed

**cord-wrapped stick impressing**

=cord-wrapped stick-impressed

**fabric impressing**

=fabric-impressed

**fingernail impressing**

=fingernail-impressed

**net impressing**

=net-impressed

**tool impressing**

=tool-impressed

<**pottery decorating techniques: stamping**>

*check stamping*

**comb stamping**

=comb-stamped

**dentate stamping**

=dentate-stamped

**drag stamping**

=drag-stamped

**ovoid stamping**

=ovoid-stamped

**punctuation**

=puncated

**reed stamping**

=reed-stamped

*rocker stamping*

**brushing (pottery decorating technique)**

=brushed (pottery decorating technique)

**channeling**

=channeled

**combing (pottery decorating technique)**

=combed (pottery decorating technique)

**trailing (pottery decorating technique)**

=trailed (pottery decorating technique)



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<pottery forming techniques>

coiling

**paddle and anvil method**

*cord marking*

=*cord-marked*

**smoothed cordmarking**

=**smoothed-over-cordmarked**

**pinching**

=**pinched**

slab method

slip casting

throwing (pottery technique)

<physicochemical processes>

burning

=burned

**calcination**

=**calcined**

**cooking**

=**cooked**

**canning**

=**canned**

<temperature-related physicochemical processes>

heating

**heat treating**

=**heat-treated**

**thermally altering**

=**thermally-altered**

<subtractive processes and techniques>

**flintknapping**

=**flintknapped**

**bifacial reduction**

**bi-polar reduction**

**blade/core reduction**

**retouching (flintknapping)**

=**retouched (flintknapped)**

**pecking**

=**pecked**

<surface marking processes and techniques>

impressing

incising

=**incised**

sponging

=**sponged**

stamping (marking)



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blind stamping

Physical Attributes Facet

Attributes and Properties Hierarchy

<attributes and properties>

<attributes and properties by specific type>

<fabrication attributes>

**bifacial**

hand-painted

handmade

**unifacial**

<fabrication attributes: ceramics>

**fiber-tempered**

grit-tempered

**grit and sand-tempered**

**grog-tempered**

**limestone-tempered**

**sand-tempered**

shell-tempered

<form attributes>

flat (form attributes)

shape

curved

lanceolate

pointed

round (shape)

triangular

<**shape: projectile points**>

corner-notched

side-notched

stemmed

<**shape: vessels**>

**conoidal**

**globular**

**sub-conoidal**

size (extent)

<size by specific type>

large

**medium**

small

<physical properties>

specific gravity

**heavy fraction**

**light fraction**

<positional attributes>



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<positional attributes by relative position>

**cortical**

Conditions and Effects

<conditions and effects>

**gnawing**

=**gnawed**

**solarization (condition)**

= **solarized (condition)**

**cut marks**

**saw marks**

seam marks

spalling

=**spalled**

wear

=worn

microwear

**water wear**

=**water-worn**

Design Elements Hierarchy

<design elements>

<ornament areas>

borders (ornament areas)

fields

medallions (ornament areas)

**zones (ornament areas)**

patterns (design elements)

<patterns by specific type>

<edging and surfacing patterns>

scalloping

**shell-edge**

Associated Concepts Facet

Associated Concepts

<functional concepts>

use

=utilized



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Styles and Periods Facet

Styles and Periods Hierarchy

<styles and periods by region>

<The Americas>

<**Pre-Contact**> (change from Pre-Columbian)

< **Pre - Contact** North American styles and periods>

< **Pre - Contact** North American styles>

< **Pre - Contact** eastern North American styles>

<**Pre-Contact eastern North American ceramic styles**>

**Allamakee Trilled**

**Blackduck**

**Blue Earth**

**Brainerd**

**Cambria**

**Clam River**

**Fox Lake**

**Great Oasis**

**Havana**

**Howard Lake**

*Hopewell*

**Kathio**

**Lake Benton**

**La Moille**

**Laurel**

**Malmo**

**Marion**

**Ogechie**

**Onamia**

**Orr**

**Sandy Lake**

**Silvernail**

**Snake River**

**Sorg**

**St. Croix**

**Vach**

**Sandy Lake**

<**Pre-Contact North American projectile point styles**>

**Adena Stemmed**

**Agate Basin**

*Angostura*

**Avonlea**

**Benton Stemmed**

**Brewerton Corner Notched**



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**Brewerton Eared-Triangle**  
**Brewerton Side Notched**  
**Bottleneck Stemmed**  
**Browns Valley**  
**Buck Creek Barbed**  
**Cahokia**  
**Charleston Corner Notched**  
**Chesser Notched**  
*Clovis*  
**Cumberland**  
*Cumberland Fluted*  
*Dalton*  
**Dalton**  
**Delhi**  
**Durst Stemmed**  
**Dickson Contracting Stemmed**  
*Eden*  
**Etley**  
**Eva I**  
**Eva II**  
*Folsom*  
**Fort Ancient**  
**Fox Valley Truncated Barb**  
**Godar**  
**Graham Cave Side Notched**  
**Grant Side-Notched**  
**Hardin Barbed**  
**Hell Gap**  
**Hi-Lo**  
**Jack's Reef Corner Notched**  
**Karnak Stemmed**  
**Kessell Side Notched**  
**Kirk Corner Notched**  
**Kirk Stemmed**  
**Klunk Side Notched**  
**Koster Corner Notched**  
**Kramer Stemmed**  
**LeCroy Bifurcated**  
**Ledbetter Stemmed**  
**Little Bear Creek**



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**Lomoka**  
**Lost Lake**  
**Lowe Flared Base**  
**MacCorkle Stemmed**  
**Madison Side Notched**  
**Madison Trinagular**  
**Matanzas Side Notched**  
**Morris**  
**Motley**  
**Nebo Hill Lanceolate**  
*Norton*  
*Osceloa*  
**Pelican Lake**  
**Pickwick**  
*Plainview*  
*Plano*  
**Preston Corner Notched**  
*Quad*  
**Racson Notched**  
**Raddatz Side Notched**  
**Robbins**  
**Scallorn**  
*Scottsbluff*  
**Sedalia Lanceolate**  
**Snyders**  
**St. Albans Side Notched**  
**St. Charles**  
**Stanley Stemmed**  
**Steuben Expanding Stemmed**  
**Table Rock Corner Notched**  
**Table Rock Stemmed**  
**Thebes**  
**Turkey-tail**  
**Vosburg Corner Notched**  
**Waubesa Contracting Stem**