

**National Park Service
Historical Significance Contributing Factors Tool**

Park Name: _____

Package Description: _____

Check off applicable factors for each object or group of objects and use to develop the Park Inerting Justification.

Park Purpose (*Factors relate to the specific reason(s) for the park’s establishment or “park-defining” elements*)

- Object(s) directly connects to place where park-defining event occurred
- Integral to park’s enabling legislation, legislative purpose, and interpretive and educational mission
- Component of resources identified in park Foundation Document
- Identified as mandatory or highly desired item(s) in the park’s Scope of Collections Statement
- Critical component of why the park was established, and loss would significantly jeopardize park purpose

Context

- Made, used, or present at park during park-defining event
- Collected after park-defining event within historically significant period, *or* recovered from an archeological site with high assemblage integrity within the park
- Representative of events or significant period/era that took place at the park
- Systematically recovered under “authority of the Antiquities Act (16 U.S.C. 431- 433), Reservoir Salvage Act (16 U.S.C. 469-469c), section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470h-2), or Archaeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa-mm)” (36 CFR 79.1(a))
- Spatial relationship between objects informs or supplements record of park-defining events, activities, and/or people

Associational, Evidential, Intrinsic, and Informational Value

- Directly associated with event, activity, place, or use by people for which the park was established
- Tangible evidence of park-defining events, commemorative activities, people, and/or places
- Supports understanding of military or combatant tactics, strategies, and movements within the park
- Documents military technologies or other technical and manufacturing processes relevant to park and nation’s history

Rarity

- No or few other examples of this kind of object exist in the park collection
- Only known example of this kind of object
- Limited or novel in production
- Design and/or manufacture method or materials are unique or distinctive
- Iconic representative of park-defining event, activity, person, or place
- One or few remaining objects from park-defining event, activity, person, or place within the park

Supporting Documentation

- Record of provenance is complete or free of gaps
- Scientific project documentation, including provenience, is comprehensive and well-supported
- Used in well-supported documented research or scholarly publication on historic events and people significant to park and nation’s history
- Potential for scholarly research on historic events and people significant to park and nation’s history
- Subject to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA)

Concurred by Collections Advisory Committee Member 1:	Name: _____	Title: _____	Date: _____
	Signature: _____		
Concurred by Collections Advisory Committee Member 2:	Name: _____	Title: _____	Date: _____
	Signature: _____		
Submitted by Custodial Officer for museum collection:	Name: _____	Title: _____	Date: _____
	Signature: _____		

Figure G.6. Historical Significance Contributing Factors Tool