

## Worksheet #1: *Looking at Crafts: Comparing and Contrasting American Experiences*

Thinking about the video you watched, and examining the packet of images, respond to the following questions:

1. A document is a record—a noun. To document also can be a verb, meaning to record. Consider the artwork: Is it a record of something? If so, what? Who does the “recording” for each artwork?
2. To illuminate means to shine a light. It also can mean to decorate or highlight, as in a fancy lettering style. Consider the artwork: Does it shine a light on something? What distinguishes the design of the artwork?
3. Imagine the artwork in a different lettering style. Can you imagine a font that would change the feel of the work?
4. To juxtapose means to place things side by side. Juxtapose the image of the *Freedom* quilt next to the engrossed quote beginning “We hold these truths...” Consider the meaning of each viewed individually. How does the meaning shift when the two are placed next to each other?
5. What does the artwork say about democracy? Do you think it might mean something different to different people? Does it say something that can be hard to describe or talk about?