

What is archaeology?

Archaeology is a special type of science. Archaeology is the study of past people and how they lived from evidence. Someone that studies archaeology is called an archaeologist. They are people just like you and me. They go to school to learn how to be an archaeologist. They get to travel all over, meeting new people, and learning new things.

What do archaeologists do?

Circle everything you think they do.

**Draw an archaeologist and
the tools they might use**

1. They are explorers
2. They look at small things
3. They wear sun hats
4. They dig in the dirt
5. They like history
6. They use math
7. They read books
8. They teach others
9. They use computers
10. They like people
11. They look at maps
12. They like learning

The truth:

They do all those things!!!

Name your archaeologist: _____

Archaeology Word Puzzle

Match the vocabulary words on the left with the definitions on the right.
Next find and circle the words in the word search at the bottom of the page.

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| ___ Agriculture | a. Patterns in weather and temperature over many years |
| ___ Archaeology | b. The careful removal of dirt to find buried things |
| ___ Artifact | c. Small things that archaeologists study, like tools or pots |
| ___ Climate | d. Farming |
| ___ Excavation | e. An ancient trash pile |
| ___ Midden | f. The study of past people and how they lived |
| ___ Projectile | g. A small broken piece of pottery |
| ___ Sherd | h. A place where past humans lived or worked |
| ___ Site | i. A weapon that flies through the air, like a spear or arrow |



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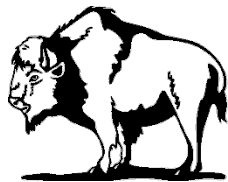
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| _____ Bones | j. Big things that archaeologist study, like fire pits or walls |
| _____ Feature | k. The time before written history |
| _____ Prehistory | l. To protect and maintain |
| _____ Preserve | m. These objects tell archaeologists how past humans moved their bodies, and what types of meat they ate |

CHALLENGE TIME!

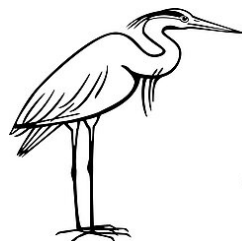
Unscramble the words below, then find them in the word search.



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I B N O S _____



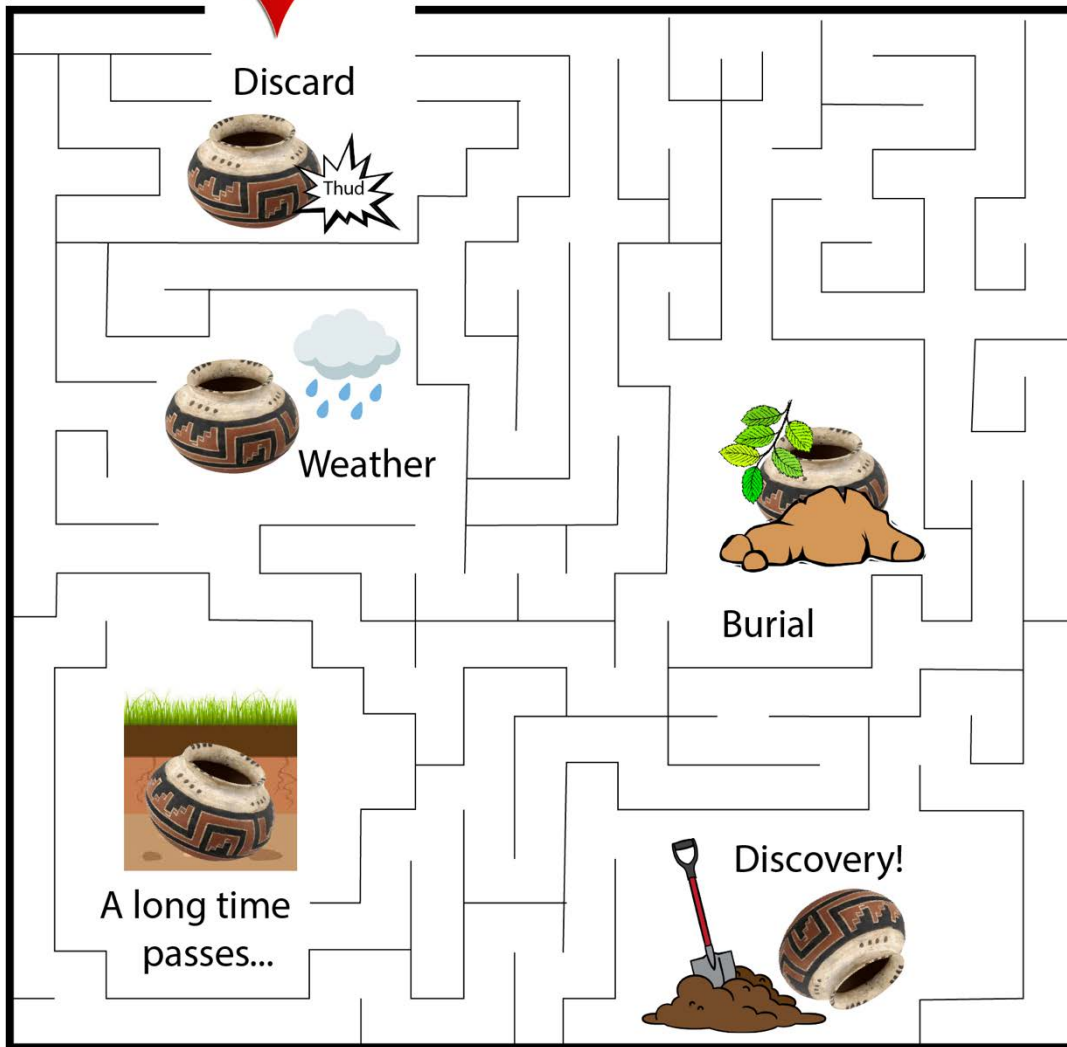
H R N E O H

An Artifact's Journey



This beautiful polychrome (many-colored) jar is part of the archaeological collections at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. How did it get there? Solve the maze to learn about the long journey artifacts take before they are found by archaeologists.

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