



Aspiring Archaeologist

Do any three challenges to earn your badge!

Explore

- Read a book about archaeologists. Check the shelf under J 930, or search CloudLibrary.
- Archaeology and Paleontology have a lot in common. Find out what makes them different!
- Be an armchair archaeologist! Look at photos of ancient ruins and think what they might tell us about the people who lived there long ago. Then, read about the ruins to see if you were right! Some places to try are Angkor Wat, Chichén Itzá, Easter Island, Great Zimbabwe, Machu Picchu, and Pompeii.

Write

- Archaeologist is tough to spell! Help yourself remember by writing an acrostic poem about being an archaeologist.
- Make a list of the tools archaeologists use, and see how many of these you have at home. (Be sure to ask an adult's permission, first. Some tools may not be safe for you to handle.)
- Imagine you are an archaeologist on a dig and you have just discovered something amazing! Write a letter to someone back home to tell them about your discovery.



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Create

- Make your own time capsule! Archaeologists dig for things buried in the ground that tell us how people lived long ago. What would you want people in the future to know about your life in 2021? Decorate an empty box and fill it with 5 to 10 items that will give future people (or your future self!) clues about how you live now.
- Imagine you are an archaeologist exploring where you live. Make a map of one room in your home. Include walls, windows, doors, furniture, and anything else important.
- Make a dig site dessert! Archaeologists use the strata, or layers, of rock and earth that build up over time to figure out which items found in a dig site are the oldest. Make a layered dessert with pudding, crushed cookies, cake, or whatever you like, and “bury” a different kind of candy in each layer as you go. As you dig in to eat, think about whether the candy you reach first was “buried” before or after the candy on the bottom. Which candy is the “oldest” in your dig site?

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