

Human History and High Altitude Archaeology

Play Archaeologist Detective



Archaeology: The study of people and artifacts from the past

At the most basic level archaeologists are like prehistoric detectives. Their job includes finding and looking through prehistoric/historic objects that have been left behind.

It sounds silly, but items that have been left behind, either intentionally or not, give lots of information about past peoples.

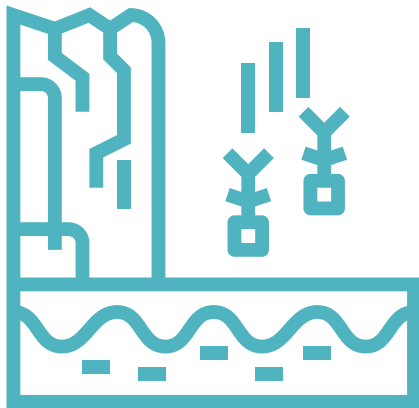
We call these items "artifacts."

It is very important that we respect and leave found artifacts alone. They could be important to the person who lost them or they could be important clues about cultures and are valuable to the public and archaeologists.



Play Archaeologist Detective Activity Instructions

Today it's your turn to play archaeologist detective and get your hands dirty! Print these pages and add them to your nature journal. Then get outside and follow the directions below:



1. Go outside and find an artifact. This can be anything that originated with people and proves that someone else was there before you. (hint: this could even be a piece of trash)

2. Describe your artifact and draw it below.

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3. Describe where you found your artifact and how you think it got there. Was it left there by someone else? Did the wind blow it in?



4. What do you think it represents? Or what was it used for? How do you know that or why do you think that?

P.s. If the artifact you found was a piece of litter or trash, ask a parent or adult to help you safely discard it!