

Be an Archaeologist



Archaeology is the respectful study of artifacts and the human past.

What might an archaeologist do?

- Travel all over the world to study people and cultures of the past.
- Carefully dig to find artifacts.
- Dive underwater to investigate shipwrecks.
- Try to reassemble ancient pottery using sherds found at a dig site.



Tools of the Trade



Screen — to sift dirt while they are digging



Trowel — to remove dirt from the dig site



Field notes — for observations and sketches

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Archaeology in *NatureQuest*

Try these activities if you would like to be an archaeologist.



Look at the layers of artifacts in the sliding drawers and dig site. Why do you think that the oldest artifacts are in the deepest layers?

Pottery is rarely found in one piece. Archaeologists typically find broken pieces of pottery called sherds. Try to reconstruct the pot puzzle using all of the sherds.

Archaeologists look for evidence of humans. Can you find any evidence that humans have visited the different ecosystems?

See examples of some of the equipment used by archaeologists when you play the tool game.

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