

What do archaeologists do?
Information Gathering Chart – Page One

Questions	Write Your Answers Here
<p>What is this archaeology stuff?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to the authors, what do archaeologists <u>not</u> do? • What, then, do archaeologists actually do? What is the purpose of archaeology?	
<p>Cool Tools Archaeologists Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are some of the tools that archaeologists use? • What are these tools used for?	
<p>Archaeology Terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Click on this page to find definitions to some of the terms you may run across as you study archaeology: among those are artifact; context; ecofact; excavation; feature; field notes; floor plan; level; lithic; line level; pick; profile; provenience; stratigraphy; tape measure; trowel; and unit.	

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Time Detectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you choose to follow the pathways offered in this web site, keep a log of what you have done and why you made the decisions you did.	
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Path Three	
Path Four	

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<p>Finding and Interpreting Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do archaeologists search for clues about the past? What kinds of clues are usually left to find?• What do the authors mean by interpretation?	
<p>Garbage-ology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do the authors of this page call archaeology the “study of rubbish”?• What can be learned from peoples’ trash?	
<p>Dating the Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is dating evidence found so important to archaeologists?• What is <u>seriation</u>?• How do scientists use <u>tree-ring dating</u> (dendrochronology)?	

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<p>Tree-Ring Dating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do the authors mean when they say “the present is the key to the past”? • How do scientists build a timeline (or chronology) by using tree rings?	
<p>Why is pottery so important to Archaeologists?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do archaeologists so often rely on pottery remains to find out about ancient cultures? • What kinds of things can archaeologists learn from pottery?	