

# What is Archaeology?

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## Fossils/Artifacts

An archaeologist is someone who tries to figure out what life was like in the ancient past by looking at the remains of ancient people – their fossils and their artifacts. An archaeologist *must* know the difference between an artifact and a fossil.



- 1. Fossils are remains of living things (plants, animals, people), not of things that were made.
- 2. Artifacts are remains of things that were made, not the remains of living things.

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# What is a site?



A "site" is a place archaeologists wish to explore.

At the site, archaeologists literally dig, looking for the remains of ancient civilizations. That is why they call the site at which they are working a "dig".



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