PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY

What is Project Archaeology?

Project Archaeology is a national archaeology education program dedicated to teaching scientific and historical inquiry, cultural understanding, and the importance of protecting our nation's rich cultural heritage. We are a national network of archaeologists, educators, and passionate citizens working to make archaeology education accessible to students and teachers nationwide through high-quality educational materials and professional development.

Project Archaeology is a joint program of Southern Utah University and the Institute for Heritage Education, a nonprofit organization.

"Project Archaeology has given me a new and better way of teaching my content ... and has brought new joy to my teaching."

-Elementary school teacher, Pasadena, MD

"The excitement from last summer's workshop was new again as my kids were engaged in lessons and delved into their own culture's heritage."

-Fourth-grade teacher, St. Louis, MO

"This curriculum has allowed me to give the students what seems like grade-appropriate rigor while building their below-grade-level skills."

-Middle school teacher, Chicago, IL

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Discover the Past - Shape the Future



Why Teach Archaeology?

Archaeologists ask questions rooted in the social sciences and research those questions using scientific methods. The fusion of social and physical sciences means that archaeology is an excellent way to teach students both scientific inquiry and cultural understanding.

Studying the past gives us a rare chance to examine our place in time and forge links with the human continuum. Everyone can touch the past, but sadly, our opportunities are disappearing. The number of sites that have not been disturbed or looted is dwindling at an alarming rate. Through Project Archaeology, educators can help the school children of today know and experience America's rich cultural heritage as the adults of tomorrow.

"One of the benefits of teaching with Project Archaeology is that the curriculum is grounded in educational research and best practices. This is evident from the very first lesson, where students are guided to uncover prior knowledge, build on this by adding new information, clearing up misconceptions, and arriving at new and deeper understandings."

-Teacher and Park Interpreter, Philadelphia, PA

What Does Project Archaeology Teach?

Project Archaeology teaches four enduring understandings:

- Understanding the past is essential for understanding the present and shaping the future.
- Learning about cultures, past and present, is essential for living in a pluralistic society and world.
- Archaeology is a systematic way to learn about past cultures.
- Stewardship of archaeological sites and artifacts is everyone's responsibility.

Project Archaeology in Action!

Our high-quality, interactive inquiry-based curricula is available online and through workshops, institutes, conferences, and online courses. Professional development is taught by qualified teams of educators and archaeologists.

Ten Reasons to Choose Project Archaeology

- Supplements social studies, history, and science education with high-quality materials
- Guides students through a complete archaeological investigation
- High-interest informational texts in science and social studies including primary sources and first-hand accounts
- Investigations based on real archaeological sites and authentic data
- Introduces students to different perspectives with views from archaeologists and descendant community members
- Inquiry-based lessons are aligned with standards
- Active learning – with numerous opportunities for reading, writing, and discussing
- Interdisciplinary - Social studies, science, math, and language arts lessons are embedded within the curriculum
- A variety of assessment tools are included
- Offers continued professional development through conferences and workshops