

ARCHAEOLOGY TASK STATEMENT

We know archaeologists study artifacts of the past to determine the culture of a society. Some day, items from our culture will be studied as artifacts. Imagine that it is 500 years in the future and you have chosen to become an archaeologist. (Think about what qualities and characteristics a career in archaeology requires.) Your job is to figure out the culture of our society (2002) based on some of the artifacts that were uncovered.

You and your group members are going to gather 20 items from today that would show a cross sample of our culture. There are at least five categories that are used to help determine culture. Each item must have a description explaining why this item was chosen and how it represents our culture. Then, you will choose one of your items to use to make a mold, and another to make a cast.

Based on what you know about an archaeologist and his/her job, create a written job description explaining the character traits and skills needed to become an archaeologist.

Additionally, you will research a modern archaeological dig and summarize its importance in one paragraph.

All of these items will help to create your "future" modern time capsule for archaeologist hopefuls.