

## Archaeology Resource List for Grades 5 through 8

The Resources in this document can be used with the Archeology Curriculum Packet for grades 5-8.

### Books

#### Nonfiction and Biography

- Ancient America (Cultural Atlas for Young People) ,2003 by Marion Wood (Author), Brian Williams (Author). Maps and text offer information on the cultures and histories of native groups in both North and South America.
- Archaeology (Kingfisher Knowledge), 2004 by Trevor Barnes (Author), Tony Robinson (Foreword). Dig deep through centuries of history to find out the secrets' archaeology can reveal. Fascinating insights into daily life, from farming and food to clothing and jewelry, as well as stories of rulers, religion, and conflict, can be gained at sites around the world.
- Archaeology for Kids: Uncovering the Mysteries of Our Past, 2001 by Richard Panchyk (Author). This activity book features 25 projects such as making a surface survey of a site, building a screen for sifting dirt and debris at a dig, tracking soil age by color, and counting tree rings to date a find.
- Children of the Past: Archaeology and the Lives of Kids, 2017 by Lois Miner Huey (Author). Archaeologists know about the lives of children from the past because of what they left behind: toys, tools, clothes, and more. Travel back in time and check out the lives of kids--from European cave kids twenty thousand years ago to American Indian kids one thousand years ago.
- DK Eyewitness Books: Ancient Civilizations, 2013 by Joseph Fullman (Author). From the intriguing world of pharaohs in Ancient Egypt, to the arts of Greece and Rome, to the amazing culture of the Mayans, this book looks at the world's fascinating past societies and the legacies they left behind.
- Hands-On Archaeology: Real-Life Activities for Kids, 2005 by John White Ph.D. (Author). This book shows teachers or parents how to help kids become young archaeologists.
- A Practical Handbook of Archaeology: A Beginner's Guide to Unearthing the Past, 2013 by Christopher Catling (Author). The ultimate hands-on resource for new and amateur

archaeologists, with 300 step-by-step photographs, maps and illustrations from excavations around the world.

## Fiction

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal (Lucy and Andy Neanderthal), 2018 by Jeffrey Brown (Author). Siblings Lucy and Andy experience life in the Stone Age and encounter many everyday prehistoric quandaries: creating tools, deciding which animals to select as pets, and treating maladies such as toothaches. This graphic novel is rich with archaeological and prehistoric scientific facts, imparted via asides from a couple modern-day archaeologists with cartoon imagery and slap-stick humor.

Others in the series:

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal: The Stone-Cold Age (Lucy and Andy Neanderthal)

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal: Bad to the Bones (Lucy and Andy Neanderthal)

Seeking Cassandra, 2016 by Lutricia Clifton (Author). 12-year-old Cassie is forced to spend the summer with her father in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Cassie mistrusts the other kids in the junior naturalist program her father enrolls her in. The kids are told artifacts disappeared from a nearby archaeological dig. As she tries to discover the culprit, Cassie learns the true meaning of friendship and realizes she is more capable than she thinks.

## Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Dig into History Magazine for Kids. (ages 8 +) From the award winning Cricket series of magazines for kids. <https://shop.cricketmedia.com/Dig-Magazine-for-Kids.html>
- Archaeology Magazine. From the Archaeological Institute of America. <https://www.archaeology.org/>

## Online Links

These sites are all maintained by institutions with an involvement in Archaeology. They have a rich array of resources, including background information, simulated experiences, and much more.

- American Museum of Natural History Welcome to OLogy! A science website for kids from the American Museum of Natural History. <https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/archaeology>
- Archaeology for Kids: National Park Service interactive educational experiences. <https://www.nps.gov/archeology/public/kids/index.htm>
- Archaeology's Interactive Digs: Follow online as ancient civilizations are unearthed. Archaeological Institute of America brings the excavations to you! Get full access to frequently updated field notes, Q&A with archaeologists, video, student journals, and more! <http://www.interactivedigs.com>

## Background information for the Educator

- Archaeology for Educators. This unit provides educators with background information on archaeology as well as hands-on and interactive activities to introduce the fascinating field of archaeology to students of all ages.  
<http://www.saa.org/publicftp/PUBLIC/educators/index.html>
- Archaeological Institute of America <https://www.archaeological.org/>
- The Smithsonian <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/archaeology/>
- Society for American Archaeology <http://www.saa.org>