

Archaeology Resource List for Grades K through 4

The Resources in this document can be used with the Archeology Curriculum Packet for grades K-4.

Books

Nonfiction and Biography

- The 5,000-Year-Old Puzzle: Solving a Mystery of Ancient Egypt, 2002 by Claudia Logan (Author), Melissa Sweet (Illustrator). A young boy joins his family as they work with an archaeological team lead by world-famous Egyptologist Dr. George Reisner. This original picture book uses journal entries, funny postcards, and quirky cartoons to pull readers into an ancient unsolved mystery.
- Archaeologists Dig for Clues (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2), 1996 by Kate Duke (Author, Illustrator). Archaeologists on a dig work very much like detectives at a crime scene. This book explains what scientists are looking for, how they find it, and what their finds reveal.
- 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.
- 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.
- How the Sphinx Got to the Museum (How It Got to the Museum Series), 2010 by Jessie Hartland (Author). Informative and fascinating history of the Hatshepsut sphinx, from its carving in ancient Egypt to its arrival in a world-famous museum.
- The Magic School Bus Shows And Tells: A Book About Archaeology, 1997 by Joanna Cole (Author), Bruce Degen (Illustrator). The Magic School Bus goes on an archaeological dig.
- No Bones about It - Archaeology for Kids! : Science for Children Edition - Children's Archaeology Books, 2016 by Pfiffikus (Author). This book contains age-appropriate

information laid out in a child-friendly format.

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>
- A Kids Guide to Archeology. Coloring Pages from the United States Department of Agriculture. https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5360668.pdf

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>

- Using Archaeology Content and Skills for Classroom Instruction. Classroom-ready lesson plans and activities from a variety of sources including the Society for American Archaeology Public Education Committee (PEC), other archaeological and historical societies and organizations, and educators that use archaeology in their K-12 classrooms. http://www.saa.org/publicftp/PUBLIC/resources/foredu_ClassroomInstruction.html