

Reading Lists for Archaeology Resource Package Grades K through 4

The resources in this section can be used with the Archeology Resource 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

Reading Lists for Archaeology Resource Package Grades 5 through 8

The resources in this section can be used with the Archeology Resource 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.

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- The Smithsonian <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/archaeology/>
- Society for American Archaeology <http://www.saa.org>

Reading Lists for Archaeology Resource Package Grades 9 through 12

The resources in this section can be used with the Archeology Resource Packet for grades 9-12.

Books

Nonfiction and Biography

- Archaeologists: Explorers of the Human Past (Oxford Profiles), 2003 by Brian Fagan (Author). *Archaeologists* collects together biographies of more than 30 archaeologists of the past two centuries. In the process, *Archaeologists* presents an engaging portrait of how digging for treasure evolved into the respected and vital science we know today.
- Concise Oxford Dictionary of Archaeology (Oxford Quick Reference) 2010 by Timothy Darvill (Author). This is the most wide-ranging, comprehensive, and up-to-date dictionary of archaeology available.
- A Little History of Archaeology (Little Histories) Hardcover ,2018 by Brian Fagan (Author). The thrilling history of archaeological adventure, with tales of danger, debate, audacious explorers, and astonishing discoveries around the globe.
- The Lost World of the Old Ones: Discoveries in the Ancient Southwest, 2016 by David Roberts (Author). For more than 5,000 years the Ancestral Puebloans Native Americans who flourished long before the first contact with Europeans occupied the Four Corners region of the southwestern United States. Just before AD 1300, they abandoned their homeland in a migration that remains one of prehistory's greatest puzzles.
- National Geographic Investigates: Ancient Africa: Archaeology Unlocks the Secrets of Africa's Past 2007 by Victoria Sherrow (Author). Archaeology reveals the rich histories of complex cultures in the cradle of humankind.
- National Geographic Investigates: Ancient Celts: Archaeology Unlocks the Secrets of the Celts' Past, 2008 by Jen Green (Author). The distinctive languages, art, and mythologies of the ancient Celts give archaeologists a fascinating challenge in Northern Europe.
- National Geographic Investigates: Ancient Maya: Archaeology Unlocks the Secrets of the Maya's Past, 2008 by Nathaniel Harris (Author). As Europe endured its Dark Ages, the Maya mapped the heavens and mastered mathematics.
- National Geographic Investigates Ancient Rome: Archaeology Unlocks the Secrets of Rome's Past, 2007 by Zilah Deckker (Author). Archaeologists have searched for years, looking for clues to the history of the Imperial Romans.
- The World Encyclopedia of Archaeology: The World's Most Significant Sites and Cultural Treasures, 2012 by Dr. Aedeen Cremin (Editor). Find here a comprehensive view of the past as seen through the remnants of civilizations as they emerge and expand.

Fiction

- Shadows of the Stone Benders (The Anlon Cully Chronicles) (Volume 1), 2016 by K Patrick Donoghue (Author). World-renowned scientist Anlon Cully is unexpectedly swept into the thick of a suspense-riddled adventure when his archaeologist uncle, Devlin Wilson, dies under suspicious circumstances.

Others in this Series:

- Race for the Flash Stone (The Anlon Cully Chronicles) (Volume 2) by K Patrick Donoghue Paperback \$10.87
- Curse of the Painted Lady ((The Anlon Cully Chronicles) (Volume 3)) by K Patrick Donoghue Paperback \$17.64

Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Archaeology Magazine. From the Archaeological Institute of America.
<https://www.archaeology.org/>
- Current World Archaeology. A magazine that connects you to the past.
<https://www.world-archaeology.com/>

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<https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/archaeology>
- Archaeology Career Information: The education and training needed to become an archaeologist, and the kinds of jobs that archaeologists do.
<http://www.saa.org/publicftp/PUBLIC/resources/Careers.html>
- 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>
- Current World Archaeology Magazine: Collection of links to Museums with online collections. <https://www.world-archaeology.com/category/museum/>

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