

Welcome to Thinkport's Student Activity Center! Your teacher has directed you to this student activity to help you learn more about the topic you are studying.

Title: Can You Dig It?

Audience: Middle

Duration: 50 Minutes

Subject Area(s):

Social Studies - Geography

Grade Level(s): 4,5,6,7,8

Student Directions:

Was this piece of deer bone used as a slingshot, for making needles and fishhooks or was it simply leftover from a meal? Find out when you go on an archaeological dig and uncover the history of the Yaocomaco Indians.

The Students will:

describe key natural resources used by the Yaocomaco Indians.

The Students will:

explain what artifacts tell us about the lives of the Yaocomaco Indians

1.0 History: Students will examine significant ideas, beliefs, and themes; Organize patterns and events; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States and around the world.

Grade 5

1. Describe the major settlements of North America societies indigenous to North America.

b. Describe the cultural characteristics of major North American Native societies, such as food, clothing, shelter, language, tools, transportation, religious beliefs, recreation and traditions

2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text

Grade 8

A. Comprehension of Informational Text

1. Apply and refine comprehension skills by selecting, reading, and analyzing a variety of print and electronic informational texts

a. Read, use, and identify the characteristics of primary and secondary sources of academic information

Directions: Open the Go on an Archaeological Dig interactive using the link below. Move the trowel over the Dig In and Dig Deeper sections of the Web site to uncover hidden objects. As you uncover artifacts you are responsible for identifying what the artifacts are, how they were used and what the artifacts tell us about the lives of Yaocomaco Indians.

Go on an Archaeological Dig

Experience the excitement of an archaeological dig as you identify and piece together the history of the native Yaocomaco Indians.

<http://mdroots.thinkport.org/interactives/archdig/intro.asp>

Can studying bits and pieces of bone and shells really explain how people lived long ago?

Directions: As you unearth artifacts, you will make a prediction to try to identify what the object was, or what it was used for, and circle the answer on your Dig In and Dig Deeper worksheets. After circling your prediction, explain to your partner the reason for your answer. After you have both circled your answer, check one of the boxes on the site and find out the correct answer. Discuss the correct answer and write a brief explanation of the object and its use beneath the choices on the worksheet.

Dig In Worksheet ([View](#))

Dig Deeper Worksheet ([View](#))

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