

# America's Stonehenge

## An Interactive Journey

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### An Adventure in Archaeology

<b>What tools are used in archaeology? Write or draw pictures of your answers.</b>		

#### What is archaeology?

Archaeology is the study of human history through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artifacts and other physical remains.

Artifacts are usually found buried in the ground. Over time, soil builds up and covers things left on the ground. That is why archaeologists dig in the dirt, or *excavate*, to find the artifacts. Any place where human activity occurred and where artifacts are found is called an archaeological site.

#### What does an archaeologist do?

Archaeologists study past cultures by examining artifacts and objects made, used, or changed by humans.

Have you ever dropped a penny on the ground? Years from now, that penny could be found by an archaeologist, and it would be studied as part of American culture in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. The date on the penny would tell the archaeologist that we had calendars, and the circular shape of the penny would show them that we understood mathematics.