

## Archaeology Vocabulary Words

<b>Archaeologist</b>	A person who collects and studies artifacts of our past and attempts to explain past people's way of life through evidence
<b>Artifact</b>	The objects used or made by people for use in their everyday lives
<b>Balk</b>	A wall left between adjacent grid squares to avoid confusion during artifact collection
<b>Excavation</b>	A technique of obtaining material remains of past people
<b>Feature</b>	A non-portable artifact of human manufacture, manipulation or alteration other than an easily excavated tool or other object, such as a roasting pit, hearth or post hole
<b>Grid</b>	A pattern of squares laid out over an area that is to be dug, each square is numbered
<b>Horizontal Excavation</b>	Used to determine the extent and layout of a site
<b>Site</b>	Any area where an archaeologist excavates after determining that humans have occupied the area
<b>Stratigraphy</b>	The law of superposition states that where one deposit overlies another, the upper must have accumulated later in time
<b>Survey</b>	Using certain methods like surface inspections and aerial photos to determine a likely archaeological site
<b>Test Pit</b>	A small hole dug to reveal the distribution of artifacts on a site and their depth
<b>Vertical Excavation</b>	Used to determine the sequence of human occupation at a site