



Activity: Introduction to Archeology

Grade Level: 3rd – 5th

Time Requirement: 30-60 minutes

Lesson Overview

Students will discuss and engage in the basic roles of archeology within the NPS, as explored through specific examples from the Midwest Region and Midwest Archeological Center (MWAC). Through the discussion of artifacts, the concept of stewardship will be introduced and discussed.

Lesson Objectives

Students will learn about the locations of some Midwest national parks.

Students will understand the basic definition of archeology.

Students will discuss what archeologists do and understand the implications of the career.

Students will value heritage artifacts & cultural resources through an understanding of their importance.

Students will be engaged with the principles of stewardship and cultural resource management.

Procedure

Prior to the program:

Contact the Midwest Archeological Center education staff to schedule lesson time and schedule via videoconferencing. Lesson plan materials can be requested by the teacher as informational material. All

pertinent material (activities, videos, handouts) is available through this packet or on the website page, and must be downloaded and prepared prior to the program. We recommend setting up a practice session to coordinate videoconferencing technologies, and to clarify any questions before the actual session.

During the program:

Act as a secondary facilitator while MWAC education staff conduct lesson.

Materials

Prior to program (downloadables):

All necessary activities are provided by MWAC, and are downloadable under the “Materials” heading on website page

Videos can be previously loaded and accessed through provided links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAPUK0AF7us>
