



Garbage Dig

(Target Audience: 9-12)

Archaeologists learn about lost worlds by studying many things – including their garbage. Put together a fake midden heap and have the children look at what is there. Milk containers, a broken plate (edges well smoothed), a broken toy, a bent fork, plastic bottles, erasers, a container for dog food, etc. Maybe add a well-aged book jacket cover.

Add a few mystery items, every day objects that are perhaps unrecognizable when taken out of context or which are parts of objects, such as the handle of a paint brush or a belt buckle.

Have the kids discuss or write down what they can tell about these people. For example: They had a pet, they had children, they owned books, etc.

Display books about archaeology.