Archaeology Alive!

What is Archaeology?

An introduction to the tools, terminology, and techniques of archaeology, developed by archaeologist Dr. Alexander Smith and educators at the Memorial Art Gallery (MAG), Rochester NY.
What is Archaeology?
What do Archaeologists actually do?
Digging!
(Excavating)
Why worry about the small stuff?
Survey
Underwater Archaeology

Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
Finds!

1. Archaeologist excavating a skull and other artifacts.
2. Two ancient coins with intricate designs.
3. Display case containing various pottery pieces.
4. A large stone artifact with a hole in the center.
STRATIGRAPHY (Layers in the Dirt)

- Layer 1
- Layer 2
- Layer 3
- Layer 4
- Layer 5

- 200 years old
- 1500 years old
- 100,000 years old?
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