

Questio: _____

UNCOVERING THE PAST

ARCHEOLOGISTS

- **Archeologists:** Anthropologists who study PAST peoples/cultures
- **Time Period:** all of human _____ (before writing was invented) as well as historical period (as writing is limited and never tells the whole story)
- **Sources:** Mainly _____ (man-made objects) which must be discovered, dated, analyzed, and interpreted, as well as _____ (natural objects) and architecture

ABSOLUTE VS RELATIVE DATING

- **Absolute Dating Methods** provide an actual date for artifacts
- Example - _____ **Dating:** Carbon 14 is a radioactive isotope found in plant and animal remains with a half-life of 5730 years. Artifacts made of organic material can be chemically tested to find their age based on how much of the carbon 14 isotope they contain.
- _____ **Dating Methods** only identify how old artifacts are in relation to others
- It is generally assumed that lower _____ (layers) are older than higher **strata**
- Example - _____ shards are often used to establish relative dates and models of periodization because they are
 - _____ for centuries
 - _____ to looters
 - Clearly distinguishable in _____
 - Hand-Built vs Wheel-Thrown
 - Pit-Fired vs Kiln-Fired
 - Plain vs Decorated

HISTORIANS

- **Historians:** Scholars who study the historical past
- **Time Period:** mostly about 3200 BCE - Present (since writing was invented)
- **Sources:** Primarily _____, but also sources like artifacts, _____ (traditional storytelling), genetics, linguistics, etc

PRIMARY/SECONDARY SOURCES

- **Primary Source:** Written by someone who _____ or _____ the historical event
 - **EX:** letters , official records, diaries,
 - May provide greater detail, personal touch
 - May show only one perspective, often _____ (swayed by own views to not be fair/balanced/neutral/_____)
- **Secondary Source:** Written by someone living _____ the historical event, usually based on information from primary sources
 - **EX:** textbook, academic article, biographical book
 - Expected to be more objective/balanced, but may still be _____

In trying to uncover the past, what challenges are faced by Archeologists & Historians?

1. Write down as some examples from the notes with your partner
2. Keep track of further examples with your group during the activity

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