

Archaeology Activity Artifact Reconstruction

Goal: Students work together to put together tea cups and saucers.

Important! - Be sure to listen to the instructor and follow their directions closely.

Some objects may be sharp – take care when handling them.

Try not to get the superglue on your fingers – they will stick together!

What you will need

This artifact reconstruction kit.

A bottle of superglue.

A way to document your artifact (camera, phone, or pencil/paper).

Directions

1) Place all the artifacts on the table, spread them out and examine them as a group for a few minutes.

2) Chose and artifact and start to find other pieces that match it.

3) Once you find a match, carefully glue the two together. Take turns sharing the glue back and forth.

There are ten tea cups and ten saucers in the kit. Some of the cups and saucers have the same pattern which could make it harder to find matches. Work together to find all the pieces for the artifact you are reconstructing.

4) When you have finished gluing together your cup and saucer, take a picture or make a drawing of the completed artifact. Try to use something, like a quarter or pencil, as a scale. Putting artifacts back together again helps archaeologists better understand what artifacts looked like and were used for.

Ask your instructor if you can keep the objects you reconstructed.

Thank you for doing the activity – hope you had fun!

