

Unit 5 Objects from the past

SOC 1-02a, 2-02a

Talking Point

Do you know what an archaeologist is? Do you know what they do? What might they find if they excavated your school in 500 years' time? Watch this video to see if you were right What's my job? Proud to be an archaeologist – 4 mins (BBC for KS 1/2)<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks1-ks2-proud-to-be-an-archaeologist/zmqg92p#:~:text=An%20archaeologist.,live%20a%20long%20time%20ago>

Activity 1 (This can be done in small groups or as a whole class, depending on age and stage)

Archaeologists have been excavating the site of a medieval monastery. Here are some of the objects they have found. What do you (or your team) think they are? Can you write down the name of each object? Can you sort which objects date from the time of the monastery (1150 to 1560) and which do not. Give reasons for your answers and note these down if you can.

Activity 2 (Groups can share and compare answers or if the activity was done as a whole class then discuss a range of answers)

Now share your objects and answers with someone from the other team.

Activity 3

Sort the objects into the correct time period.

Before the monastery (too old) before 1150	
From the monastery (just right) 1150-1560	
After the monastery (too new) after 1560	

Plenary

What kind of objects from the medieval times do you think survive to now and why? What sort of objects from today will survive the next 500 years? If appropriate for the age and stage, you could ask pupils to take 3 objects from their pocket or bag or from around the classroom and discuss which would survive and why.

Team 1



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Team 2



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KEY

- 1 Team A 1 ring pull, 2 arrow head (flint), 3 pee pot (Melrose Abbey), 4 silver coin (groat of Robert II, Paisley Abbey)
- Team B 5 clay pipe, 6 floor tile (from North Berwick priory), 7 copper coin (Queen Victoria penny), 8 a clasp for a nun's cloak (Haddington)

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Before the monastery (too old)	arrow head
From the monastery (just right)	pee pot, silver coin, tile, clasp for a nun's cloak
After the monastery (too new)	ring pull, copper coin, clay pipe