

Start with a Book: Read. Talk. Explore.



DIY Science Camp: Archaeology



Day 1



Sandpaper Petroglyphs

Tell a story the way the Native Americans and cave painters of Lascaux did.

Books to read together:

- The First Drawing
- The Secret Cave
- Stones, Bones and Petroglyphs

Write it!

- Native American pictographs

Day 2



Ancient Stone Circle

Imagine and build your own mini-stone circle, and think about its meaning and purpose.

Books to read together:

- Anno's Sundial
- If Stones Could Speak
- The Secrets of Stonehenge

Day 3



Picture Writing

Create a scroll using hieroglyphics, the writing system invented by the Egyptians more than 5,000 years ago.

Books to read together:

- The Shipwrecked Sailor
- Seeker of Knowledge: The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphs



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Day 4



Big Dig/Little Dig

Dig for history treasures (artifacts) at home! Learn how archaeologists dig and record their findings.

Books to read together:

- The 5,000-Year-Old Puzzle
- Archaeologists Dig for Clues

Write it!

- Archaeology field journal

Day 5



Pottery Puzzle

Decorate, shatter, and put back together your own pot. What would it tell archaeologists about you?

Books to read together:

- How the Sphinx Got to the Museum
- Archaeology for Kids

Write it!

- Greek vases tell a story

Day 6



Time Capsule

Hunt for history at home and put together a family time capsule. You can even write clues or create a treasure map to find it.

Books to read together:

- Flotsam
- The Museum Book



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Fiction Books

Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile by Tomie dePaola
Discovery at Flint Springs by John Erickson
Escape from Pompeii: An Isabel Soto Archaeology Adventure by Terry Collins
The First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstein
Flotsam by David Wiesner
I Am the Mummy Heb-Nefert by Eve Bunting
Miss Frizzle's Adventures in Ancient Egypt by Joanna Cole
Secrets of the Stone by Harriet Peck Taylor
Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
The Shipwrecked Sailor by Tamara Bower
Temple Cat by Andrew Clements
Tut, Tut (Time Warp Trio) by Jon Scieszka

Nonfiction Books

Anno's Sundial by Mitsumasa Anno
Archaeologists Dig for Clues by Kate Duke
Archaeology for Kids by Richard Panchyk
The 5,000 Year Old Puzzle by Claudia Logan
Hieroglyphs by Joyce Milton
How the Sphinx Got to the Museum by Jessie Hartland
If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge by Marc Aronson
The Lost World of the Anasazi by Peter Lourie
The Museum Book by Jan Mark
The Secret Cave: Discovering Lascaux by Emily Arnold McCully
The Secrets of Stonehenge by Mick Manning
Seeker of Knowledge: The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphics by James Rumford
Stones, Bones, and Petroglyphs by Susan Goodman

