

archaeology

scientific study of people, customs and life in ancient times

culture

civilization of a people

artefacts

anything made by man

architecture

a style or manner of building

site

position or place of a building, town or city

excavation, digging

survey

locate features of interest

preservation

keeping safe

classification

grouping or arranging things in classes

middens

rubbish dumps

strata

layers or levels

analysis

examine in careful detail

interpretation

bringing out the meaning of something

catalogue

a list of items in a collection

restoration

bringing something back to its former condition

typology

studying the way objects developed over time

looting

taking things illegally

evidence

anything that shows or makes clear what is true

facts

a thing known to be true

opinion

what one thinks or believes

heritage

things about our past; places and sources of our values

hypothesis

theory or possible explanation of historical events

primary source

evidence created in the time being studied

secondary source

reconstruction of the past by historians at a time later than that being studied

conservation

preservation of our cultural heritage