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# KITCHEN EXCAVATION PROJECT

1. Excavate your kitchen trash basket at home this week (7 levels). If possible, begin with a full trash basket. Look down into the basket, take a picture, and write down everything you can see by just looking. This will be Level 1 and set them aside. Now look into the basket again. Write down what you can see now, take a picture. This will be level 2. Remove these object and set them aside. Continue recording, labeling, taking pictures of each layer and removing layers until the basket is empty (7 levels).
2. Use the LOG to make a list of all written sources that you discovered in the trash basket. If the item has any kind of a date on it, record the date beside the item.
3. Use the LOG to make a list of all non-written sources discovered in the trash.

**Why am I doing this project?** *"A culture's trash is more than just waste. The trash of ancient and older civilizations uncovered by archaeologists helps us learn more about their cultures. In the same manner, the trash in modern landfills provides just as much insight into our modern cultures."* (UW Garbology Project)

Remember: This is an important homework project and will count as four full homework grades (**40 points**). Late homework is not accepted for full credit.



## So what is Archaeology?

Archaeology: the study of material remains and human cultures using archaeological theory and techniques.

Essentially, archaeology is the study of the human past.

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## Trash Basket Excavation LOG

| Level   | Items | Written Sources<br>Product Name & Expiration date | Unwritten Sources<br>(no labels) |
|---------|-------|---|----------------------------------|
| Level 1 |       |   |                                  |
| Level 2 |       |   |                                  |
| Level 3 |       |   |                                  |
| Level 4 |       |   |                                  |
| Level 5 |       |   |                                  |
| Level 6 |       |   |                                  |
| Level 7 |       |   |                                  |

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## **Reflection:**

**What did you learn about your family?** (Code of Ethics: Do not reveal embarrassing information)\_\_\_\_\_

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**Why do you think trash gives a more accurate picture than surveys or interviews about people?** -Think about it. Do you always tell the truth when you take a survey?

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**Create a poster** to present your findings to the class. The poster should reflect your findings (include pictures from your excavation).

Rubric

| Poster Rubric |   |                                |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
|               | Design of Poster  | Content of Presentation        |
| 4             | well-chosen images of excavation and informative explanations | strong evidence of preparation |
| 3             | good images and explanations                                  | evidence of preparation        |
| 2             | adequate images and explanations                              | some evidence of preparation   |
| 1             | few photos or details   | no evidence of preparation     |