

Looking for a way to engage with your learner more deeply through our videos? Use these guiding questions to dig a little deeper as you explore Field Museum collections and research at home!

NEOLITHIC VILLAGE FLYOVER



Run time: 5:16

Suggested age level: tweens and teens

Essential question: What can objects tell us about the people and civilizations who left them behind?

Key vocabulary:

Neolithic – the later part of the stone age, from about 12,000 years ago to 5,500 years ago

Artifact – an object made by a human being

Archaeology – the study of past human life and activities

Guiding questions:

This reconstruction was created from objects in this village that survived for thousands of years and were excavated by archeologists.

1. Based on the objects that were discovered and used to develop this recreation, what do you think daily life was like for a person who lived in this village?
2. What do you think is missing from this reconstruction? What artifacts in this village may not have survived for thousands of years for archeologists to discover?

Do you think those missing items would change your perception of what you think their life was like?

3. If you lived in this village thousands of years ago, how would your life be different than it is today? How would it be similar?

Take action:

Make a living room reconstruction.

1. Pick a room in your home, such as the living room, to examine closely.
2. Make a detailed drawing of this room, including the objects in it.
3. What do these objects tell you about the people who live in this home?
4. Now, imagine that thousands of years have passed. Which objects would survive for thousands of years, and which would not?
5. On your drawing, erase or cross out all the objects that would not survive for thousands of years. Without these objects, what would an archeologist of the future miss in understanding you and your family?