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Archaeological expeditions

Archaeology is the study of past human life and culture through systematically examining and interpreting the material remains left behind. These material remains include archaeological sites (e.g. settlements, building features, graves), as well as cultural materials or artifacts such as tools and pottery. Through the interpretation and classification of archaeological materials, archaeologists work to understand past human behavior. In some countries, archaeology is often historical or art historical, with a strong emphasis on culture history, archaeological sites, and artifacts such as art objects. In the New World, archaeology can be either a part of history and classical studies or anthropology.

The exact origins of archaeology as a discipline are uncertain. Excavations of ancient monuments and the collection of antiquities have been taking place for thousands of years. It was only in the 19th century, however, that the systematic study of the past through its physical remains underwent professionalization, which meant it began to be carried out in a manner recognizable to modern students of archaeology.

1. What is the central idea of this passage?

(RI.8.2)

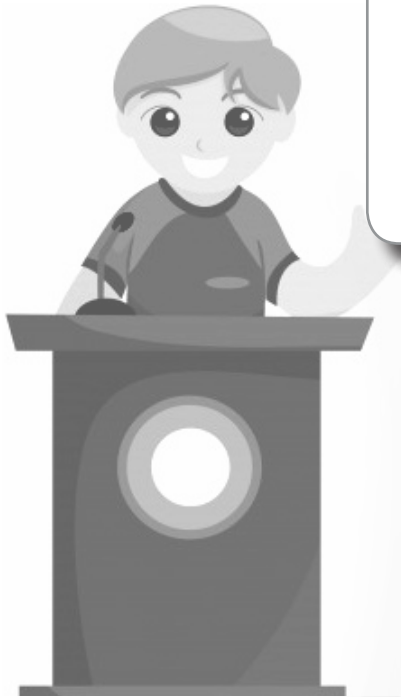
- (A) the study of the origin of archaeology
- (B) the study of archaeology
- (C) the study of modern archaeology and anthropology
- (D) the study of the human past

2. What does the passage suggest about archaeologists?

(RI.8.2)

- (A) They study past human life and culture by examining materials left by early humans.
- (B) They study humans and their interaction with their surroundings.
- (C) They study humans and their families by looking at the things they left behind.
- (D) They study art history.





Answer Key
and
Detailed Explanations

Archaeological expeditions

Question No.	Answer	Detailed Explanations	CCSS
1.	B	Answer choice B is correct. The central idea of this piece of informational text is the study of archaeology. Answer choice A is incorrect because the central idea is not the origin of archaeology as the origins are uncertain. Answer choice C is incorrect because the text is not at all about anthropology. Answer choice D is incorrect because the text is not only about the study of the human past.	RI.8.2
2.	A	Answer choice A is correct. Archaeologists study past human life and culture by examining the things left behind by early humans. Answer choice B is incorrect because archaeologists study humans and their culture. Answer choice C is incorrect because archaeologists study not only humans and possibly their families, but also their culture.	RI.8.2
3	A	Answer choice A is correct. The way a field turns into a profession is professionalization.	RI.8.4
4	A	Answer choice A is correct. When one does something systematically, he follows a very specific procedure.	RI.8.4
5	D	Answer choice D is correct. The author uses this introductory sentence to give the reader some background information on archaeology and what the article is about.	RI.8.5
6.	A	Answer choice A is correct. This sentence is included to inform the reader why archaeology is important. It is important to note that authors have a reason for every piece of text they include in any piece of writing.	RI.8.5
7	D	Answer choice D is correct. This sentence is included so that readers will understand that archaeology has been happening for a very long time.	RI.8.5
8.	D	Answer choice D is correct. They both focus on all of the above.	RI.8.3
9.	B	Answer choice B is correct. While it can be studied in all the places, a museum is the best place to see the many different examples of it.	RI.8.3

Additional Practice Questions



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Sympathy

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
But not a kindly word.

My sorrow passed-I paid him back
The gold he gave to me;
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
And blessed his charity.

I lay in want, and grief, and pain;
A poor man passed my way;
He bound my head, He gave me bread,
He watched me day and night.

How shall I pay him back again
For all he did to me ?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.

- Charles Mackay

1. According to the poet, what did he feel was most important?

(RL.8.1)

- Ⓐ giving away food
- Ⓑ blessing charity
- Ⓒ sympathy
- Ⓓ gold

2. What does the first stanza tell us about the poet?

(RL.8.1)

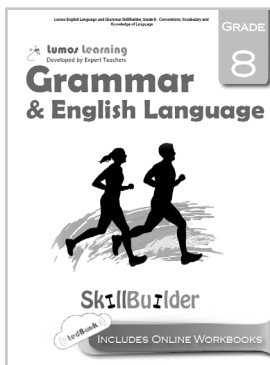
- Ⓐ The poet experienced an event which made him deeply sorrowful.
- Ⓑ The poet wrote this poem when he was a proud man.
- Ⓒ The poet wrote this poem when he was in need of money.
- Ⓓ The poet was friends with the proud man.



**Answer Key and
Detailed Explanations
Additional Practice
Questions**

Question No.	Answer	Detailed Explanations	CCSS
1.	C	Answer choice C is correct and directly stated in the last two lines of the poem. Answer choice D is incorrect. While the poet does recognize gold is good, he states sympathy is greater. Answer choices A and B do not provide evidence to support the question.	RL.8.1
2.	A	Answer choice A is correct because the first line of the poem indicates the poet's sorrow. The other answer choices are incorrect as there is no evidence in the first stanza to support them.	RL.8.1
3.	C	Answer choice C is correct. Lines 3 and 4 in the third stanza provide the text evidence. There is no text evidence supporting answer choices A, B or D.	RL.8.1
4.	A	Answer choice A is correct because the poet understands that sympathy is invaluable. Answer choice D is incorrect because it refers to the rich man who gave the poet gold. Answer choices B and C do not provide text evidence to support the gratefulness of the poet.	RL.8.1
5.	B	Answer choice B is correct. Text evidence supporting this answer can be found in the first stanza, lines 3 and 4. There is no evidence to support answer choices A, C or D.	RL.8.1
6.	D	Answer choice D is correct. Patrick was in such a hurry he did not check to see if his bag was in the trunk of his car. His mom realized he had left it and ran out to remind him. There is no evidence to support answer choices A, B, or C.	RL.8.1
7.	A	Answer choice A is correct. The word this in the sentence, "he just knew he would make the team this year" indicates that Patrick has tried out before and not made the team. There is no evidence to support answer choices B, C, or D.	RL.8.1
8.	B	Answer choice B is correct. Elizabeth was going to drive to work but could not because she did not have her keys. She locked them in the house. Answer choices A and C are not supported in the text.	RL.8.1
9.	C	Answer choice C is correct. Samantha's heart pounding loudly, her friendly smile and blushing all indicate she thought the boy was cute. Answer choices A, B and D are not supported by the text. Nothing in the text referring to the boy's backpack, and the boy's actions were not discussed, so the reader cannot draw an inference based on his behavior.	RL.8.1

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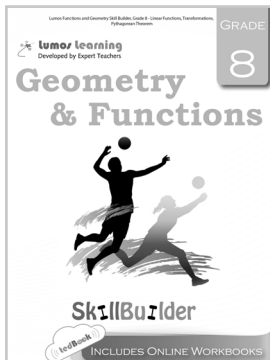
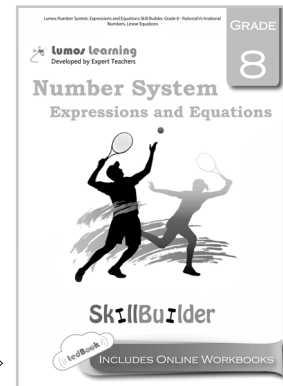


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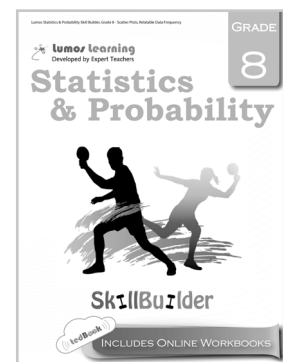


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