Arcadia - Overview

Fridays 1:45-2:30

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders

Seven Sessions

Lesson 1 Cultural Anthropology - Culture and Clans

Lesson 2 Cultural Anthropology – Documenting Culture: What is Ethnography

Lesson 3 Archaeology - What Makes Pottery Archaeology and Not Paleontology

Lesson 4 Linguistic Anthropology – Language and Culture

Lesson 5 Biological Anthropology – Primates: Comparative Us to Them

Lesson 6 Biological Anthropology – Why is Evolution Important to Anthropology

Lesson 3 – What Makes Pottery Archaeology and Not Paleontology?

Materials Needed

Shark teeth

Projectile Point

Terracotta Warrior

Paper-printed Activity Worksheets

Fast Dry Clay

Design Objects – popsible sticks, plastic forks, toothpicks

Note: the shark teeth were provided to us by Dr. Dana Ehret from the Paleontology Collection at the University of Alabama. We understand that not everyone will have access to these things. The best thing to supplement these would be pictures from online.

Review:

What is ethnography? What is ethnocentrism? CLAP

Focus:

What is archaeology, what is paleontology, and how are they different? What is an artifact?

Objectives:

Students this week will understand how archaeology and anthropology relate. They will understand why archaeology is important.

Archaeology: studying past cultures through their materials remains

Paleontology: studying fossilized bone to understand ancient animals

Artifact: material remain left behind by a culture

Guided Practice:

Students will pass around artifacts and fossils to have an onhand understanding of what each is. This is when the terracotta warrior and sharktooth got passed around.

Independent Practice:

Students get to make their own clay pottery. This is where the air dry clay comes into play. They get to learn a couple pottery technies and then teachers will help them make their own. After the clay dries, we’ll bring them back and hand them out to take home.

Review:

Archaeology is important to understand our own history and cultures that are no longer around. It helps us understand settlement patterns of past cultures, and also how we shaped the landscapes. What is an artifact?

There is no powerpoint that goes with this lesson.