


## Unit 1: Prehistory

**Standard:** WHI.2.d The student will apply social science skills to understand the period from the Paleolithic Era to the agricultural revolution by analyzing how archaeological discoveries are changing current understanding of early societies.

**EQ:** How do evolving archaeological discoveries influence our understanding of the past?

Below, annotate the sources by taking note of the author, time period, main idea, and other important details related to **archaeological discoveries**.

| Source   | Notes  |
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| <p>Source A: Ciotteau et al. (2021). <i>Lady Sapiens: Breaking Stereotypes About Prehistoric Women</i>. Hero.</p> <p>“Prehistory was born as a discipline around 1860, and prehistorians mapped their own models of society and way of life onto those of prehistory. This made women invisible.”</p>  | <p>How might society have viewed the roles of men and women in 1860 compared to today?</p>   |
| <p>Source B: Keaton, B. &amp; Cline, E. F. (Directors). (1923). <i>Three Ages</i> [Film]. Metro Pictures.</p>  <p>Image: Still from the film <i>Three Ages</i>, which shows a man in prehistoric times with a hunting tool carrying a prehistoric woman.</p>  | <p>How might archaeological discoveries in the late 1800s have influenced the depiction of prehistoric peoples in this 1920s film?</p> |
| <p>Source C: Osborne, M. (2023, June 30). “Early women were hunters, not just gatherers, study suggests.” <i>Smithsonian Magazine</i>.<br/> <a href="https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/early-women-were-hunters-not-just-gatherers-study-suggests-180982459/">https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/early-women-were-hunters-not-just-gatherers-study-suggests-180982459/</a>.</p> | <p>Based on these findings from 2023, what role did women play in prehistoric societies?</p>   |

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| <p>“Analysis [of 63 foraging societies’ remains] revealed that regardless of maternal status, women hunted in 50 of these societies—or about 79 percent. And more than 70 percent of female hunting appeared to be intentional—rather than opportunistically killing animals while doing other activities, per the study. In societies where hunting was the most important activity for subsistence, women participated in hunting 100 percent of the time. “The hunting was purposeful,” Wall-Scheffler tells NPR. “Women had their own tool kit. They had favorite weapons. Grandmas were the best hunters of the village.”</p> |   |
| <p>Source D: Ciotteau et al. (2021). <i>Lady Sapiens: Breaking Stereotypes About Prehistoric Women</i>. Hero.</p> <p>“Studying skeletal remains enables us to reconstruct the physical activities of prehistoric humans.... In South America ... in the Puno district of Peru .... Five burial sites were excavated, and six individuals exhumed. Two of them were found with hunting tools: a man in his thirties and a young woman under the age of twenty. The individuals’ sex was identified by analysing their amelogenin, a protein found in tooth enamel.”</p>   | <p>How did archaeologists discover that prehistoric women were hunters in Peru?</p> |

**Using the sources above, answer the essential question: How do evolving archaeological discoveries influence our understanding of the past?**

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| <b>Answer the question</b><br><br>Make a claim about this topic   | Evolving archaeological discoveries influence our understanding of the past because |
| <b>Citation</b><br><br>Include evidence from the sources  | In Source ____ it shows   |
| <b>Explanation</b><br><br>Tell your audience why your previous citation is connected to your claim.           | This source is important because  |
| <b>Citation</b><br><br>Include evidence from a second source.   | Additionally, in Source ____ it shows   |
| <b>Explanation</b><br><br>Tell your audience why your previous citation is connected to your claim.           | This example is essential to understand because                                     |
| <b>Summary</b><br><br>Help your reader understand your overall argument and why it matters in the real world. | Learning about new archaeological discoveries is important for society because      |

