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Unit 1 Vocabulary Words– Investigating the Past

Word	Definition	Illustration
archaeologist	an expert who studies the past by examining objects that people have left behind	
geographer	an expert who studies and creates maps of Earth's natural and human made features	
historian	an expert who studies and records the past	
artifacts	objects created by and used by humans	
culture	the knowledge, beliefs, customs and values of a group of people	
excavate	to dig out and remove	
fossil	a part or imprint of something that was once alive	
nomadic	moves frequently; a nomad lives by traveling from place to place	
prehistory	before written history	
primary source	an account of an event created by someone who took part in or witnessed the event	
secondary source	information gathered by someone who did not take part in or witness an event	