

ARCHAEOLOGY REPORT FORM- POTTERY

SCENARIO

You have just excavated a piece of pottery in a tel in northern Israel. It is covered in soil and is broken in many pieces. Hopefully all these pieces belong to the one piece of pottery. What can this item tell me about life in ancient Israel? Who used this item, and what was it used for? What events were occurring at the time this pottery item was buried and why did it end up broken and buried atop this tel? Pottery items were used across the known world and are one of the hardiest of finds that archaeologists excavate. They are resilient and even the most basic shard tells us much about ancient life (see pottery exercises). Examine the pieces as they are removed from the soil, examine the edges of the pottery, the clay type, any handles or surface decoration.....

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU HAVE FOUND:

WHAT IS THE OBJECT MADE OF?

WHAT MARKINGS ARE THERE THAT CAN HELP ME IDENTIFY IT?

WHAT CONDITION OF PRESERVATION IS THE OBJECT IN?

DESCRIBE EACH PIECE AS IT IS REMOVED AND CLEANED.

**WHAT CAN WE DISCOVER ABOUT EVERYDAY LIFE IN ANCIENT ISRAEL
BASED ON WHAT YOU HAVE FOUND?**

ARE THERE ANY SIMILIARITIES WITH TODAY THAT I CAN COMPARE MY ARTIFACT WITH?

DRAW THE ARTIFACT BELOW (INDIVIDUAL PIECES & RESTORED ITEM) AND WRITE IN IDENTIFYING FEATURES: