Archeological Adventure

ACROSS
5. The study of the natural and cultural layers that make up an archeological site
6. The time before written history
8. Something made or used by a person in the past
9. A place where people in the past lived or stopped to do something long enough to leave behind evidence (like artifacts, middens, and firepits) that shows they had been there
10. Knowledge about life and traditions that we learn from our parents, friends, and community

DOWN
1. A campfire or cooking area often marked by a circle or cluster of fire-cracked rocks
2. Pertaining to stone
3. Archeological term used to describe objects found together
4. To protect artifacts and sites for the future by preventing looting (stealing) and vandalism (damage)
7. To uncover (dig) and document (map and take notes about) artifacts and sites of the human past in a careful, planned way

Use the clues to fill in the words above. Words can go across or down. Letters are shared when the words intersect.

If you need help, check out the "New Words" section of the Kids' pages on Texas Beyond History (http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/kids/newwords.html).
Doing Archeology

Solve the anagrams below and then unscramble the circled letters to reveal the final word. The scrambled words are things commonly found in archeological sites or play parts in the processes of doing archeology.

- **NXVAACOIEI**
  - Hint: The process of uncovering and documenting artifacts and sites of the human past in a careful, planned way.
- **OIDLREFWK**
  - Hint: The portion of the archeological process conducted at a site, rather than in a lab.
- **ALRAYBTOOR**
  - Hint: A place where artifacts and other materials are studied and analyzed after they are removed from a site.
- **IWLOER**
  - Hint: A tool used for carefully scraping away soil during an archeological excavation.
- **SRBH**
  - Hint: A tool used for carefully removing soil from fragile materials during an archeological excavation.
- **NKTEBOO**
  - Hint: Archeologists keep notes and maps in one of these.
- **SERAUEM**
  - Hint: Archeologists do this to know the length, width, and depth of artifacts and features.
- **ANMIGPP**
  - Hint: An important process of documenting geographic information at an archeological site.
- **DRHSE**
  - Hint: A fragment of a ceramic container or dish; commonly found at archeological sites.
- **APWINORORT**
  - Hint: The stone portion of a weapon used with a bow.
- **CCRMEAI**
  - Hint: Fired clay; pottery. Commonly found in archeological sites.
- **SOLI**
  - Hint: Archeologists often must remove this to reveal artifacts and features in a site. This is usually screened through metal mesh to find small artifacts.
- **OTACLGA**
  - Hint: A detailed list of all artifacts and other materials found in a site, along with counts, weights, and other information.
- **ALYNZEA**
  - Hint: What archeologists do when they document and study specific characteristics of artifacts, features, or sites.

**Hint:** Scientific study of the human past through the things left behind by humans

Puzzle solutions can be found on the back of the yellow "Upcoming TAS Activities" flier.
These early Texans are telling a story through pictographs painted on a wall in a rockshelter at Hueco Tanks. You can learn more about their lives on Texas Beyond History (http://texasbeyondhistory.net). What do you think the drawing represents? Why would early people paint images on walls? Can you add more pictographs to the drawing?
Native American Tribes in Texas

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- Apache
- Atakapa
- Caddo
- Coahuiltecan
- Jumano
- Karankawa
- Tonkawa

Find the Tribal names in the puzzle.
Words can go in any direction and can share letters as they cross over each other.

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See Texas Beyond History to learn about these and other Tribes (https://www.texasbeyondhistory.net)

BONUS: Use Texas Beyond History and other sources to answer these questions for each Tribe:
1. Where in Texas did (or does) the Tribe live?
2. What types of artifacts are associated with the Tribe (ceramics, tools, etc.)?
3. What types of houses did the members of the Tribe build?
4. What characteristics make the Tribe unique?
Color this family of prehistoric Texans living in the Lower Pecos region. They are gathering rocks to line their earth oven and plants to cook. You can learn more about their lives on Texas Beyond History (http://texasbeyondhistory.net).
Texas Archeological Sites

Find the site names in the puzzle.
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Sites
Alibates
Haas
Hueco Tanks
Mission Dolores
Gault
Harrell
Kinkaid
Naconiche
Gilbert
Hinojosa
Lubbock Lake
Pavo Real

BONUS: Use Texas Beyond History and other sources to answer these questions for each site
1. Where in Texas is the site located?
2. How and when was the site discovered?
3. What new information about Texas archeology has the site provided?

See Texas Beyond History to learn about these and many other archeological sites in Texas
(https://www.texasbeyondbiology.net)
Puzzle Solutions

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