



Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology at Harvard University

Teacher Resources and Activities for Foragers to Farmers

Students involved with the *Foragers to Farmers* school program at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology at Harvard University use stone tools, examine animal bones, grind corn, drill holes, visit displays of foraging peoples (Ute, Paiute) and farming peoples (Moche), and learn about the climate of the Neolithic period and archaeology via in-class activities. These online resources may be useful to deepen student understanding of the many facets that comprise archaeological study.

For Students

Fossil Forensics: Interactive

Bones contain evidence of how early humans lived, died, and interacted with other organisms. [Explore what kinds of important clues scientists can find in bones.](#)

Stone Tool Making Video

How can you tell if a rock is actually an early stone tool? Watch this silent video (1:51 minutes) with captions to find out.

[What Does it Mean to be Human: Tools and Food; Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](#)

What is an Ice Core: Interactive

A short introductory animation helps explain how we know about the Younger Dryas climate change event. [American Museum of Natural History: Archived in Ice: Rescuing the Climate record](#)

Dig Into History

With this resource students are able to examine artifacts closely and use the teacher-developed questions to drive individual research or classroom discussions. Students can go on a [virtual archaeological dig in Iraq and explore the role of agriculture in Mesopotamia.](#)

Part of your visit may include a “self-guided tour” where your group is free to explore the museum. The nations below are represented by artifacts in the *Hall of the North American Indian* exhibition. These links provide more context and information about historic foraging or farming communities should you wish to assign students some simple research before or after the field trip.

Hunting and Gathering Peoples

[Yokut people, Central California](#)

[Hupa people, NW California](#)

[Baffin Island Inuit people, Canada](#)

[Copper Inuit people, Canada](#)

[Lakota Sioux people, Great Plains States, US](#)

[Penobscot people, Maine and Canada](#)

Farming Peoples

[Hopi people, Arizona](#)

[Huron/Wyandot people, Canada](#)

[Seneca people, New York](#)

[Seminole people, Florida](#)

[Wampanoag people, Massachusetts](#)

[Navajo people, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona](#)