What does an archaeologist do?

An archaeologist studies cultures of the past. Since these cultures no longer exist, archaeologists must learn about these cultures by studying the objects the people from these ancient cultures left behind.

Who is Earl Morris?

Earl Morris worked at the University of Colorado as an archaeologist. He was one of the first people to study the cultures of the southwest. Little was known of the cultures of the southwest until Morris began his research at sites such as Aztec Ruins, the La Plata Valley, and Canyon de Chelley. Thanks to Morris’ work we now have a better understanding of the history and lifestyles of the native Southwestern cultures.

Help Earl find his way to Canyon de Chelley.

An Archaeologist’s Tools

Draw a line matching each tool to the word that names it. Can you find any of these tools in the Anthropology Hall?

Camera  Tape Measure  Notebook  Shovel  Trowel  Pocket Knife