

# ARCHAEOLOGY

We are Archaeologists! Like a palaeologist, we are also scientists who study the past, but we are interested in what was left behind by humans 100's or 1000's of years ago, such as tools and buildings.

We want to understand what the people of the past were like and how they lived.

Some sites are easy to find like Yukon Miles Canyon in Whitehorse, which isn't a very old site but has exciting remains from Yukon's Gold Rush in 1896.

Other sites are much older, buried deep in the ground and require us to explore and do an excavation or a "dig". We use many tools that you have in your home, like brushes, spoons, knives, forks, picks and magnifying glasses.

Most of the time we find remains of where people gathered, campfires and tools used to hunt and gather to support their families and to trade with neighbours.

As Yukon Archaeologists we help Yukoners, Yukon First Nations and miners by identifying and exploring sites before they do. This way we can be sure we protect special places to our history and heritage, learn more about the people who were here before us, and support miners to explore and build mines.

Every now and then we discover something very unique like the ancient Chinese coin found along the proposed road to the Casino mining project.



# ACTIVITY 4: ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADDITION



In summer 2011, Archaeologists made an exciting discovery doing a heritage assessment for the Casino Mining Project on the proposed Freegold Road. They unearthed a Chinese coin minted between 1667 and 1671!



## QUESTION: WHAT IS AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?

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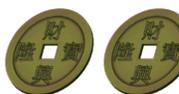
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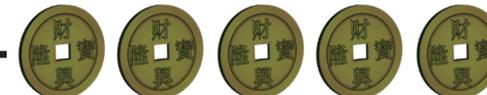
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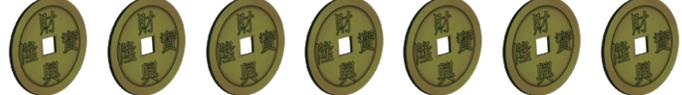
The coin indicates that there may have been trade between Chinese people and Yukon First Nation people through Russian and coastal Tlingit trade during the late 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and perhaps as early as the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

**THIS COIN IS MADE OF COPPER AND ZINC!**

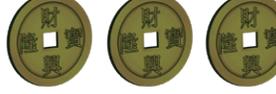
## HOW MANY ANCIENT CHINESE COINS CAN YOU COUNT?

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# ACTIVITY 4: ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADDITION (GROUP ACTIVITY)



**ARCHAEOLOGIST'S DIG SUDOKU:** Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains each of the nine symbols below ONLY ONCE.

## SYMBOLS



		Compass	Map of Yukon	Chinese Coin	Safety Glove			Arrowhead
Chinese Coin	Safety Glove		Arrowhead			Compass		Shaker Screen
	Arrowhead	Magnifying Glass			Compass		Chinese Coin	Map of Yukon
Arrowhead	Shaker Screen		Magnifying Glass		Map of Yukon	Chinese Coin		
Magnifying Glass			Safety Boot	Safety Glove		Shaker Screen	Brush	
Safety Boot		Safety Glove		Brush		Map of Yukon	Arrowhead	
			Compass	Arrowhead		Safety Boot	Map of Yukon	Chinese Coin
	Chinese Coin	Arrowhead		Shaker Screen	Safety Boot			Brush
Compass	Magnifying Glass	Safety Boot			Chinese Coin		Shaker Screen	

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Name 5 things that a Yukon Archaeologist might find?

HINT: Be careful not to confuse them with a palaeontologist!

Ask a friend, parent or guardian for help!

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