Unlocking the Secrets of Mohenjodaro

What can artifacts tell us about daily life in Mohenjodaro?

Examine this image of an ancient Indian artifact. Which of the three options below do you think is the accurate description of the object? Circle your choice and explain your answer.

I think this object is

• a petrified bagel (one so old that it has become as hard as a rock).
• a heavy bracelet.
• a form of money.

I think this because . . .

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

Mohenjodaro    Indus valley civilization
citadel        granary
Section 2

1. How do we know that Mohenjodaro was a carefully planned city?

2. What do archaeologists believe happened to the Indus valley civilization?

Sections 3 to 10

If your class is doing the activity for this chapter, follow the instructions in your Reading Notes. If your class is not doing the activity, use the images in the related sections of your book to complete the drawings in the Reading Notes.

Section 3: Station A

1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what these objects may have been used for.

3. Read Section 3. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about these objects.
Section 4: Station B
1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what this structure may have been used for.

3. Read Section 4. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about this structure.

Section 5: Station C
1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what these objects may have been used for.

3. Read Section 5. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about these objects.
Section 6: Station D
1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what these objects may have been used for.

3. Read Section 6. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about these objects.

Section 7: Station E
1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what this structure may have been used for.

3. Read Section 7. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about this structure.
Section 8: Station F
1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what these structures may have been used for.

3. Read Section 8. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about these structures.

Section 9: Station G
1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what these objects may have been used for.

3. Read Section 9. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about these objects.
Section 10: Station H

1. Use the image of the artifact to complete the drawing.

2. Record your ideas about what this object may have been used for.

3. Read Section 10. Record the archaeologists’ ideas about this object.

On a separate piece of paper, create a cover for an issue of *Dig It! Magazine*, highlighting the archaeological discoveries made at Mohenjodaro. Your cover must include these elements:

- the title of the magazine (*Dig It!* and an imaginative subtitle
- attractive visuals of three artifacts
- brief captions that explain what each artifact reveals about daily life in Mohenjodaro
- any other colorful and creative touches that make the cover more realistic