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**Lesson 1: Investigating the Past**

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| **archaeologist** | an expert who studies the past by examining objects |
| **historian** | an expert who studies and records the past |
| **geographer** | an expert who studies and creates maps of Earth’s natural and human-made features |
| **artifact** | an object made or used by people in the past |
| **prehistoric** | before written history |
| **ritual** | relating to a ceremony, such as religious ceremony  |