

Post-Assessment Activity for “Dig IT!”

(Completed assignment is worth 15 points)

Upon completion of the lesson each student is required to complete the following homework assignment as a post-assessment activity.

Assignment: *You are to write your responses to the situation below in the form of a letter to a friend. Be sure to include your personal thoughts and observations.*

Imagine that 200 years from now an archeologist discovers the gravesite of your grandparents, which by that time is unmarked. The archeologist is exceptionally curious about who these people were, how they lived, etc. and decides to begin excavating the grave. Identify two pro's and two con's as to why you think the decision to excavate is good or bad. Be sure to think of ethical, respect, religious, and cultural considerations.

Finally, explain the proper procedures the archeologist should follow to justify disturbing the gravesite. How will what he/she finds be noted and preserved? What should be done with the items?