

# A True Archaeologist

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Bexley and Pandora want to become archaeologists. The gals read all about Amberly Kugeler in a NEWSELA article called “Dream Jobs: Archaeologist” (Parthasarathy, 2018). Just like Amberly, they love learning how humans lived in the past and finding artifacts.

On their first day of college, Bexley and Pandora ate warm pancakes with sweet syrup. Then they rushed out the door to make it on time. When they got to class, everyone was in shock! The only thing written on the board was, “Find the missing Artifacts!”

Everyone was mumbling in disbelief. The girls ran to catch the next bus. However, a sign said no buses today. The girls reached for their phones to call for help.

“No cell phone service! This is madness!” cried Bexley. They were having the worst day ever.

Good thing they lived in Southern California where there’s desert sand in every direction. Pandora saw sand as soft as a pillow. They decided to dig because they learned “ancient objects are buried underground” (Parthasarathy, 2018). Soon they found an old book. It smelled like a thousand old pages in a library.

Pandora pulled it out of the hot sand and said, “We are going to be real Archaeologists!”

Bexley was hardly digging. She was staring at some guys who were looking for something. She realized the guys were looking for the same thing. Bexley took the book from Pandora’s dirty hands. The guys saw and ran over to explain how they found it first. The girls understood and gave the book to the guys.

The guys ran to the classroom and yelled, "We found it!"

The professor said, "Well done!"

One of the guys admitted, "At first we found it, then we lost it. These gals found it and let us take credit for it. They are the real archaeologists...not us."

The professor decided both groups should be archaeologists because the guys told the truth. The professor sent the guys and gals to meet Amberly in the lab to learn how to write reports and study what they found (Parthasarathy, 2018).

In the end, Bexley, Pandora and the guys became Archaeologists. They learned that for any job in life, you have to work hard. Most importantly, you have to be honest and work as a team.