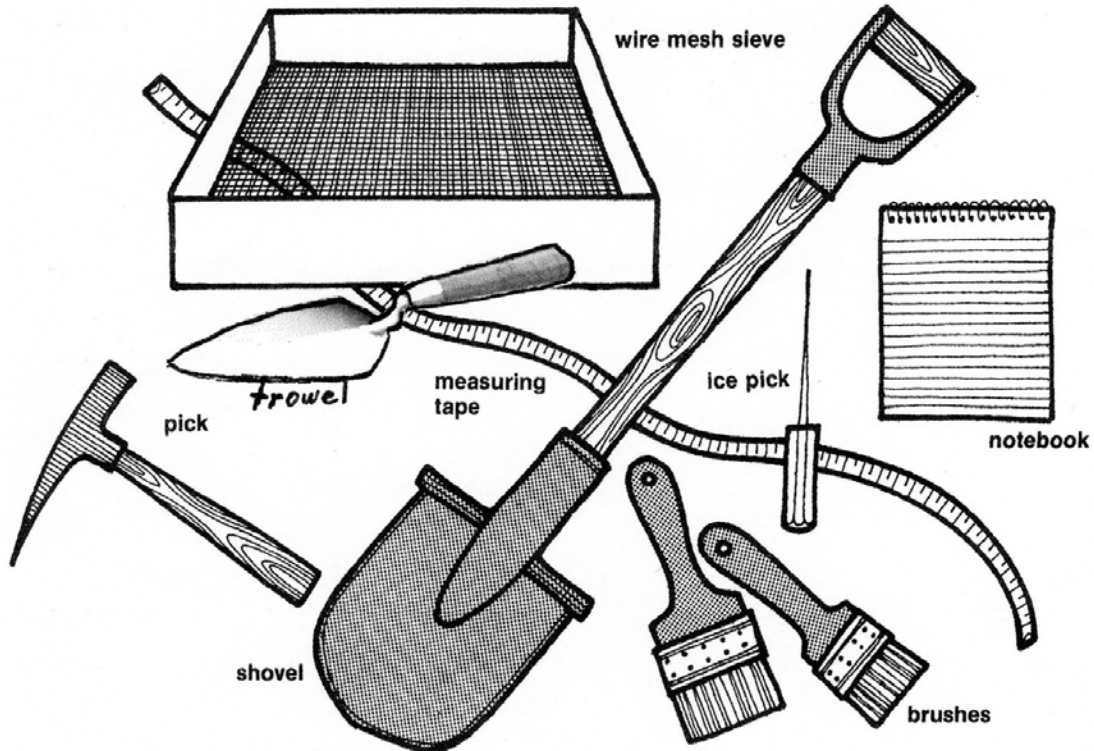


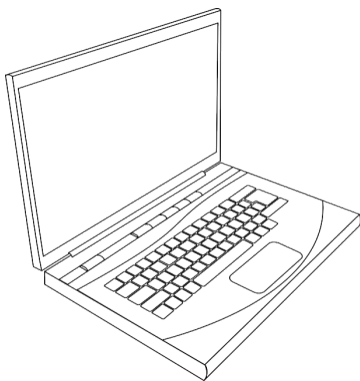
Tools Used by Archeologists

Archeologists at a dig site must be patient and careful workers so that fragile and valuable objects will not be damaged. Which tools they use depends on the type of job to be done. Usually, they begin digging with a large tool, such as a shovel or a pick. When they come to an artifact, they switch to a finer tool, such as an ice pick or even a brush.

Brushes are used to clear away loosened dirt around the artifact. The soil that is loosened must be run through a wire mesh sieve to find tiny objects that may have been missed. Every object, *no matter how small or apparently insignificant*, is recorded and cataloged in a notebook of some sort. In this way, archeologists can scientifically reconstruct a culture.



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And more recently, technology is an important tool for archeologists.