

A Review of our Africa Dig  
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We started off the day with Big Dog giving us the regular talk on what Archeology is about and how you should use your tools. He also gave a short presentation on Africa, and what sort of people live there. Then we got out to the dig. I was going to pair up with Matt, a friend of mine, but I ended up getting my own square, which was also okay with me. We looked at what we had (some bits of pottery), mapped it, removed it and began to dig down flat.

Soon I came to another layer, this one full of animal and people figurines. As I looked around, I saw that people all over the dig were getting these figurines. There was a pattern. But what could it be? The answer is that we don't know. Maybe tomorrow we might get a better idea. After we had looked at the pattern, mapped our squares and removed the artifacts. Then we dug down until the dig was level, and stopped for the day. We had lunch and then washed our artifacts.

In the afternoon, we played a great game called Saint Petersburg, where you hire workers, buy buildings and bribe aristocrats to increase your power and wealth. It was really fun! Big Dog gave a talk on the people of Africa, and of the rest of the world. He told us about how the Europeans would shoot the native tribes of Africa for sport, because they didn't consider them human. We finished off the day by looking once again at the dig and discussing what we were going to do tomorrow.