

1. READING

- What would you call *an ancient treasure*? Share ideas with your partner and listen to his/hers. Do you have the same ideas? Why/why not?
- Read the text.

An Ancient Treasure



Did you dream of finding treasures as a child? Or something new, that nobody had ever seen? The reality is that all the continents have already been discovered, animals and plants have been studied, all the treasures have been found...

Oh, no, wait a minute... – not all!

On Earth, where humans, it would seem, have already discovered everything that could be discovered, some treasures are still left. And

you don't even have to fly into space to get them – they are under our feet!

These treasures are archaeological finds: dinosaur bones, fossilized ancient eggs, cave paintings, ancient weapons, jewelry, coins, etc.



Archeology is translated from Greek as the science of antiquities ("archeos" - ancient + "logos" - knowledge). Archeology helps us find our history and touch it.

Well, do you want to become real archaeologists, dig and find a real treasure? Then you should know – it is not as far as it seems!

1. To find Jurassic period fossils of sea creatures,

go to Filevsky Park, which is located near the Pionerskaya metro station in Moscow. During the Jurassic period (about 140-145 million years ago), there was a sea in the territory of Moscow and the Moscow region.

2. Do you want to find the teeth of ancient sharks that lived in the Cretaceous period (about 100 million years ago)? Go to Sergiev Posad. Near the city of Zheleznodorozhny you can find your treasure!



- antiquity – древность
- archaeologist – археолог
- fossil – ископаемое, окаменение
- pearl shell – жемчужная раковина
- treasure – сокровище
- Jurassic Period – Юрский период
- Cretaceous Period – Меловой период

3. Do you dream of digging up dinosaur bones or finding an ancient pearl shell? Perhaps you will have good luck in the Kolomenskoye and Ramenskoye districts of the Moscow region.

Try! Who knows, maybe a great archaeologist is hiding inside you!

2. SPEAKING

In pairs answer the following questions:

- What science studies antiquities and finds fossils?
- Where can you find Cretaceous fossils?
- What can you find in the Kolomenskoye and Ramenskoye districts of the Moscow region?
- Where can you find Jurassic fossils?

3. PROJECT

- Search for some information about places where you can find an ancient treasure in your area. Choose one and present information about it to the class.
- Remember to mention:
- Information about a place (city);
- What can you find there? (fossils of which period / what was there many years ago)
- Is it easy to get there? (draw a map / build a travel route)
- What impressed you the most, what you didn't like, why?

Examples of places you can take for a project:

- Historical/ Archeological museums.
- Some Moscow metro stations.
- Some historical places.