

# Leave What You Find: “Before and After”

**Audience:** All ages. Groups of any size.

**Time:** 20-40 minutes.

**Materials:** A collection of objects to be used as artifacts.

**Leave No Trace Objective:** To explore the impacts of taking cultural artifacts from a site.

**Directions:** Set up the site by taking your objects and scattering them around the area. When your group arrives, tell them that they will be going on a archeological expedition and will have to deduce what the culture that used to be in the area was like by looking at the artifacts.

Then, split your group up into two smaller groups. Have the first group walk through the site and take inventory of what artifacts are there and piece together a story of what their society might have been like. Once they are done, go into the site and take a bunch of the artifacts away. Then send the second group into the site and have them do the same thing as the first group. Get the two groups together and have them share their findings and discuss the difference between the two groups stories. Talk about how this relates to *Leave What You Find*.

