

COORDINATES: 64°N, 146°W

### TWITTER TIME

7:17 AM  
Woke up and had breakfast, my new dome tent is holding up well! 🏕️

8:02 AM  
Time to prepare the tools for the dig! 🛠️

8:50 AM  
The site we are working on today is about 1/4th the size of a soccer field. We have dug four holes to learn about human settlements that would have been there.



10:23 AM  
We filled in the first hole. HARD WORK BUT WORTH IT. Need a snack and a break with my team :)

11:00 AM  
Each foot of depth is traveling 1,000 years into the past!

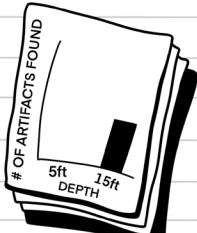
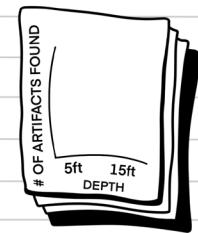
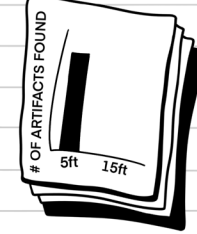
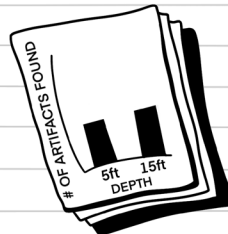
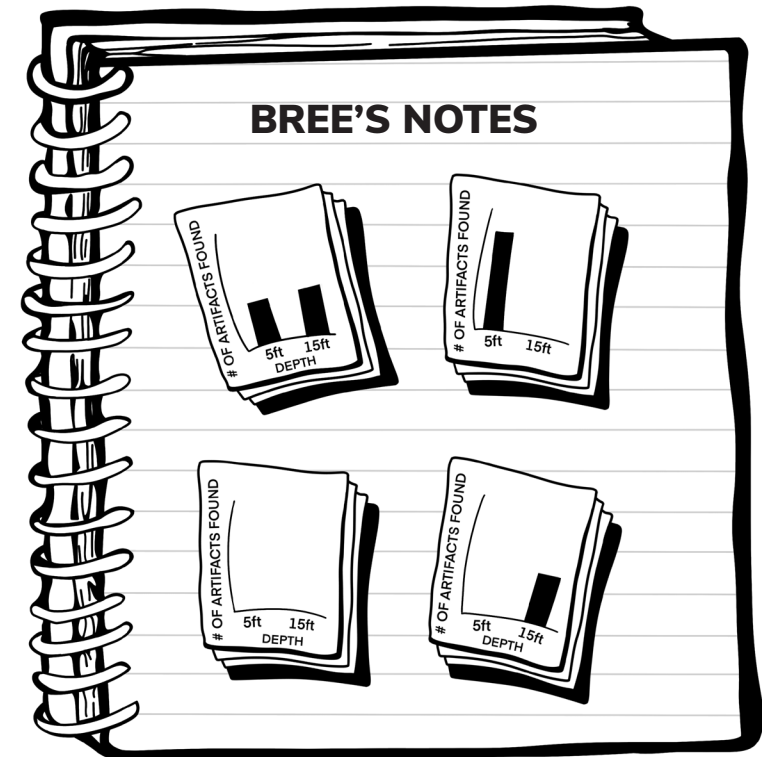
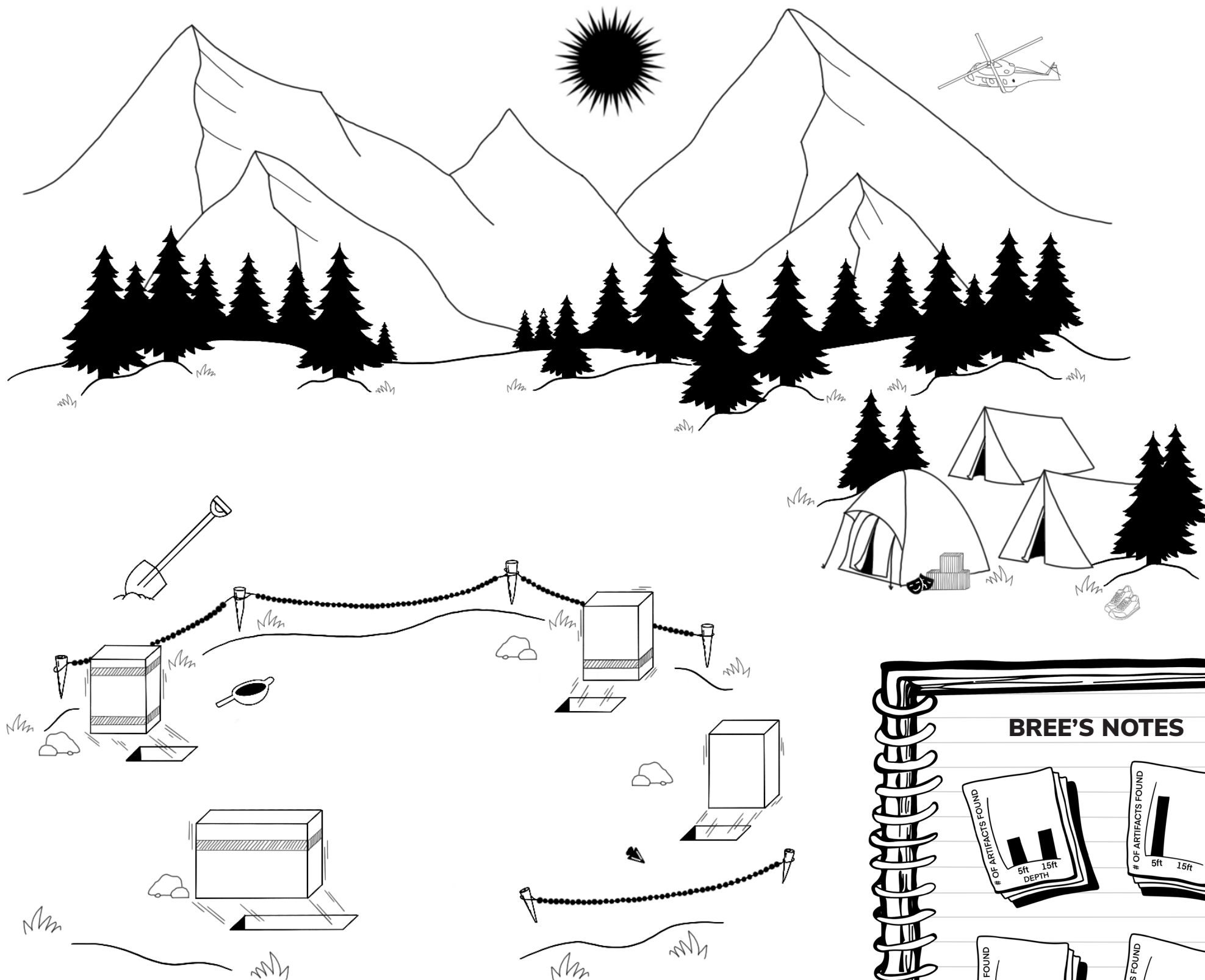
12:47 PM  
Almost done mapping and digging the fourth hole! The team keeps sifting through the soil for artifacts. I LOVE MY TEAM! 😊



2:08 PM  
Resupply helicopter came by, MISSION SUCCESS! Now we need to unpack the supplies next to my tent. 🚁



4:05 PM  
Did people once settle here in Niidaayh Na' in this part of Alaska? Once, twice, or three times in the past? How long ago?



### Engagement Activity: Learning About People from the Things They Leave Behind



Activity How-To Video

Anthropologists study the things people leave behind, but what DO people leave behind? In this activity, you will explore the things that YOU leave behind and use that to understand the kinds of items that are found at a dig site.

#### Directions:

1. Find one item that you are proud of or that describes something about you.\*
2. Next, open the trash can in your kitchen and take a note or picture of the item lying at the top of the trash pile.\*
3. In a small group, show and tell the object that you chose and describe what you found in your trash can.

\*If you are not doing this at home, list an item for number 1 and use the trash bag provided by your adult helper for number 2.

#### Observations:

Object you are proud of:	Object you found in trash:

#### Questions:

1. Do you think that people in the past left things behind on purpose? Why or why not?
2. Do you think that the objects Bree finds are typically their most valuable objects or their discarded objects? Why?

Bree learns about people who lived in the past by digging up the things they left behind and finding clues from the places where they lived. One item that she found is called a biface, which is a stone tool like an arrowhead or a knife. This tool taught Bree that the people at her site were hunting and butchering very big animals, maybe even mammoths! What would YOUR items tell someone about you?

## Soil Toil

**In the Last Frontier this person travels;  
Digging to see history unravel.**

**Her tools are as follows:  
A GPS, a trowel, and a sieve.**

**Her team carefully sifts through  
soil with ease.**

**And with their efforts, artifacts  
are found.**

**Learning about past humans  
from the ground.**



Measuring depth in a dig hole.



Artifact I found called a biface.



**Bree Doering**



Arriving with all our gear via helicopter!



Hiking to our dig site.