

## Rock Eagle Hike Vocabulary

- Archaeology:** the scientific study of historic or prehistoric peoples and cultures by analysis of artifacts and other such remains, especially those that have been excavated
- Artifacts:** objects that are made or modified by humans. Examples are arrowheads, baskets, pottery, stone tools and glass or metal objects
- Effigy:** a representation of a person, animal or object especially in the form of sculpture
- Excavation:** method of exposing past cultures and artifacts by systematically removing layers of soil
- Historic:** dating from or preserved from a past time or culture; well-known or important in history
- Prehistoric:** referring to times before written history
- Mound:** a raised platform made from piled soil, stone or other material
- Quartz:** a hard, glossy mineral consisting of silicon dioxide in crystal form
- Woodland Period:** time period of 1,000 BCE - 800 CE during which native peoples in North America created more permanent settlements, started cultivation of gardens (though they were still reliant on hunting and gathering), began trading, and developed important inventions including the bow and arrow, pottery, and copper tools