

Artifacts

- Material culture
 - Information about our lives
 - ❖How made
 - Skills (by hand?)
 - Materials (local?)
 - ❖How used
 - As tools and/or symbols?
 - Discarded or curated?

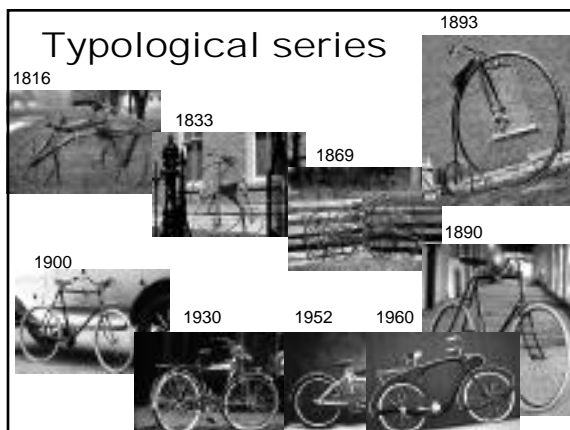
Methods / strategies ?

- Typology (classification)
- Attributes
- Seriation
- Assemblage

Artifact Attributes

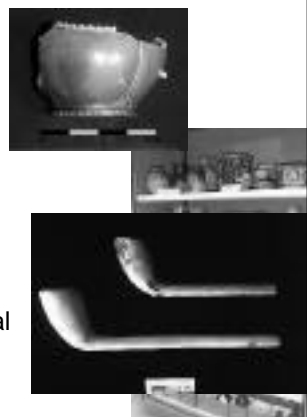
■ Your artifact	■ Your parent's artifact
-Form / morphology	- Form / morphology
-Technology	- Technology
-Function	- Function
-Style	- Style

What has changed?




Type Series

- Historical archaeology
 - Ceramic types
 - Clay pipes
 - ❖Stylistic attributes
 - ❖Technological attributes




Seriation

- Sir Flinders Petrie
- Predynastic Egyptian gravesites
- Relative chronological sequence



Ceramic types

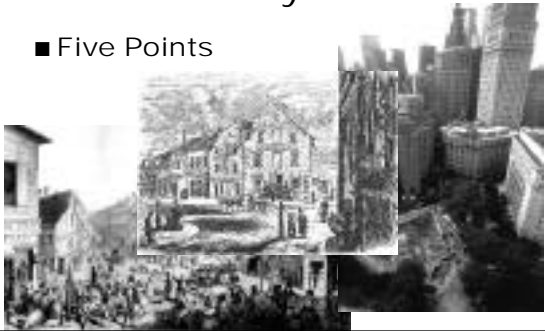


Seriation exercise

- Order the graves chronologically
 - Which pot type is the best "time marker" ?
- Which is oldest assemblage?
 - Why?

Historical archaeology in New York City

- Five Points



Dating the Five Points Assemblages

- Artifacts show
 - Change through time
 - Different activities
- Contrast between archaeological evidence and historical documents

Contrasts : feature H-J

