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**
  - Form / morphology
  - Technology
  - Function
  - Style

- **Your parent’s artifact**
  - Form / morphology
  - Technology
  - Function
  - Style

What has changed?

Typological series

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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- Contrast between archaeological evidence and historical documents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