



Smithsonian's History Explorer Podcast

Teacher Guide



Underwater Archaeology and the Museum

with curator Paul Johnston

Podcast Link: <http://amhistory.si.edu/thinkfinity/podcast/shipwrecks.mp3>

Discussion Questions

- Imagine a shipwreck...what can you find there? What about the passengers and crew and their time period might you be able to find there?
- What kind of information about the past can you learn from a shipwreck? How might this compare with an archaeological site on land?
- Dr. Johnston talks about two ships, one called *Cleopatra's Barge* which he explored and the slave ship *Enrique*, for which he is still searching. What kind of information does he hope to learn from the *Enrique*? Why does he find this ship so interesting?

Related Resources from the National Museum of American History

- On The Water— <http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthewater/>
- Preservation and the Power of Light—
http://americanhistory.si.edu/ourstory/pdf/starspangled/Preservation_and_Light.pdf
- "A Million Pounds of Sandalwood: The History of Cleopatra's Barge in Hawaii," *The American Neptune* 63.1 (Winter 2002) 5-45. The history of America's first ocean-going yacht from 1820–1824, after it was purchased by Hawaiian King Kamehameha II and used as his royal yacht. Written by Dr. Paul Johnston.
http://amhistory.si.edu/docs/Johnston_Million_Pounds_of_Sandalwood_2002.pdf

Related Thinkfinity Resources

- The Scientific Method in Undersea Archaeology—from National Geographic Expeditions—
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/17/g912/methods.html>

Related National Standards for U.S. History (National Center for History in the Schools)

- Era 3: Revolution and the New Nation (1754-1820s)
- Era 4: Expansion and Reform (1801-1861)

Have your students email their question, comments, and discoveries to thinkfinity@si.edu

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Name:

Date:

Period:

Topic:

Pre-Listening vocabulary- Define these words:

Anglo

Terrestrial

Pre-Listening Question:

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Listen to the podcast. Take notes and answer the questions.

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