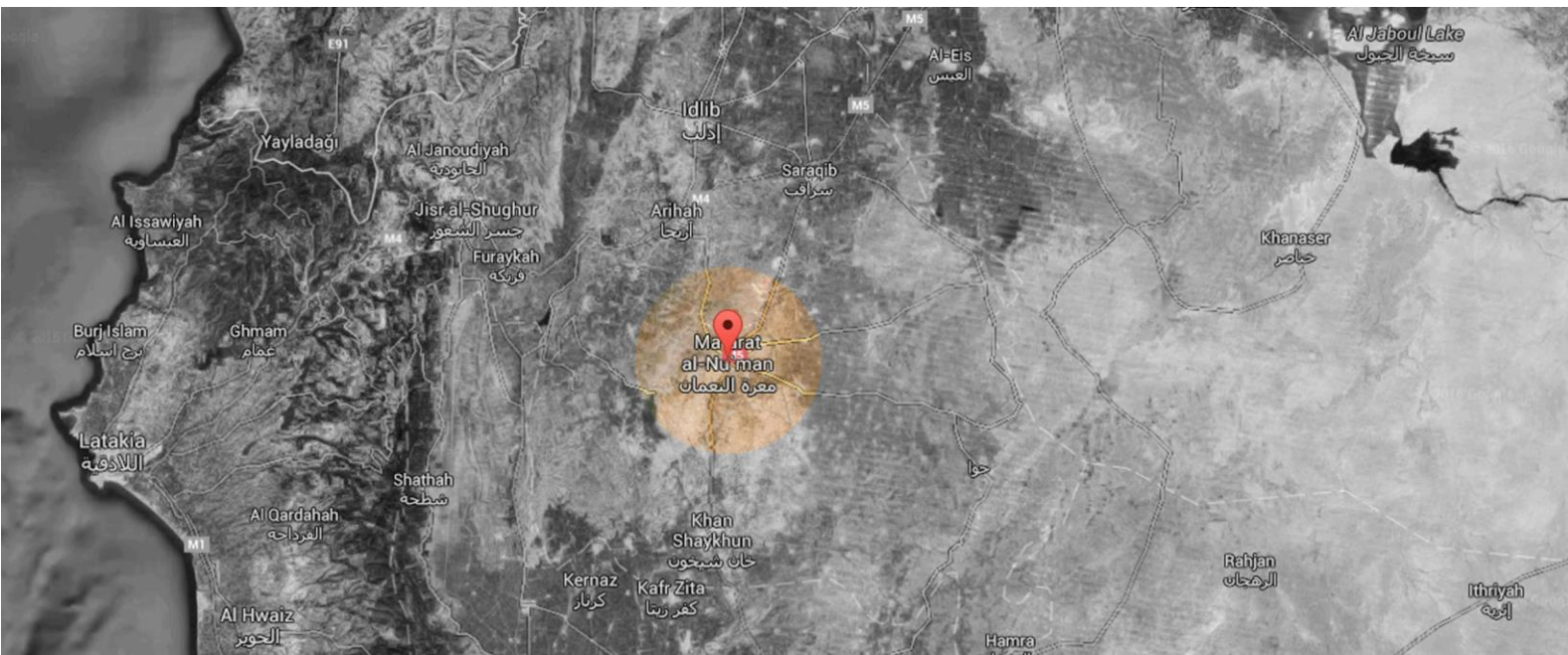


The Day After Heritage Protection Initiative

Development and Education Project

Archaeological Excavation Workshop Report

Idlib October 2019



Name of Workshop: Teaching Archaeological Excavation

Location: Center for Syrian Cultural Heritage Protection Idlib, Idlib Governorate

Implementing Agency: Center for Syrian Cultural Heritage Protection, The Day After-Heritage Protection Initiative

Trainers: Archaeologists Muhammad Al-Batal, and Akram Al-Qassum

Sponsor: Institute for Digital Archaeology

Start Date: 13/10/2019

End Date: 16/10/2019

Workshop Duration: 4 days only

Introduction:

Archaeological excavation is a method of archaeology implemented to discover archaeological artifacts. They may come in the form of buildings, pottery, jewelry, money, or other archaeological materials. Archaeological excavations were known in the past as a search for ancient treasures, where the focus was more geared towards a sense of adventure. The goal of archaeologists was to locate treasures and sell them for profit where they would decorate the palaces of rulers. The concept of excavation then adapted to suit a more legitimate form of research that followed proper scientific methods related to archaeology. Archaeologists became interested in searching for all the material waste of various ancient civilizations. They no longer distinguished between the value of clay or gold, instead they were interested in the more holistic history behind these civilizations, even collecting human remains.

The Workshop Agenda

Day 1

There were 21 participants in this workshop and included children from the local community as well as displaced members from the town of Al-Bara. In order to prepare for the workshop, the participants were assessed on their previous knowledge of archaeological excavation. The initial average score of the questionnaire was 62%.

The following concepts were explained:

1. Archaeology and the beginning of its appearance in history
2. The importance of antiquities and cultural heritage and their role in societies
3. The chronological history of archaeology
4. Archaeological excavation and its definition

Attendance Sheet

NO	Name	First day	Second day	Third day	Fourth day
1	Ahmed Mustafa Al-Ateeq	a	a	a	a
2	Ahmed Mohammed Al-Ateeq	a	a	a	a
3	Shadi Ahmed Al-Ateeq	a	a	a	a
4	Abdul Majeed Al-Bashi	a	a	a	a
5	Mustafa Ahmed Al-Ateeq	a	a	a	a
6	Ahmed Hegazy	a	a	n	a
7	Ahmed Mamoun Al-Rahal	a	n	a	a
8	Ahmed while Rahmon	a	a	a	a
9	Aus Al-Ateeq	a	a	a	a
10	Saleh Ali Latouf	a	a	a	a
11	Omar Ahmed Ateeq	a	a	a	a
12	Bayan Rahmoun	a	a	a	a
13	Shaima Khuzam	a	a	a	a
14	Shahd Abdo	a	a	a	a
15	Walaa Khuzam	a	a	a	a
16	Sherine Rahmoun	a	a	a	a
17	Dala Khuzam	a	a	a	a
18	Lian Rahmoun	a	a	n	a
19	bissan Al abdo	a	a	a	a
20	Ahmed Jamal Al-Khatib	a	a	a	a
21	Abdul Latif Al-Bash	a	a	a	a





Day 2

The following concepts were explained

1. Archaeological excavation, the beginning of its appearance, and its role in unveiling ancient civilizations
2. The necessary preparations for the archaeological excavation process



Day 3

The following concepts were explained

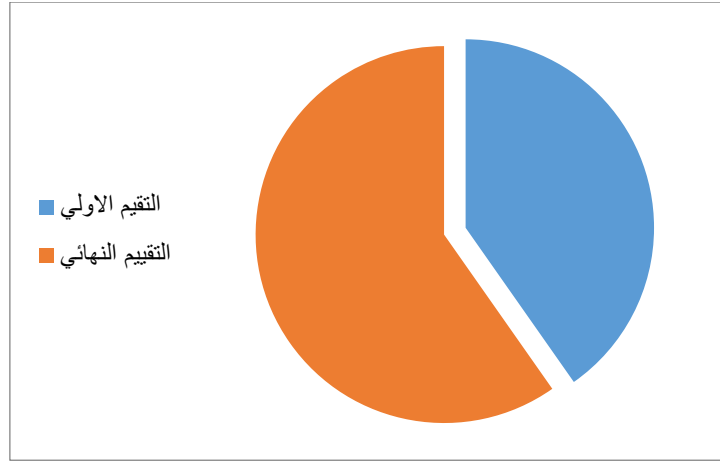
1. The archaeological layers
2. Exploration methodologies



Day 4

The following concepts were applied

1. After completing the instruction portion of the workshop, the participants received a tour of the beneficiaries on the grounds. Participants then opened an archaeological square, explored it, and examined the layers
2. After completing the theoretical and technical training, the workshop participants were reassessed on their knowledge and understanding of archaeological excavation. The results of the final questionnaire yielded an average of 91%.







Conclusion:

Through this workshop, 21 children were enriched in the theoretical and practical field experience of archaeological excavation. They were introduced to:

- Archaeology
- The methodology of archaeological excavation
- The identification of classes and scientific exploration in general

Suggestions were received from children, most of which requested to repeat the workshop for a longer period of time.

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