

DIG DETECTIVES



You and your fellow detective-archaeologists have discovered an archaeological dig site, and you are trying to solve a mystery: how old could this site be? You have some artefacts to give you clues! You know that there are many many ways to tell the age of an archaeological site, such as the depth that you found the artefacts. But today, you are trying to figure it out based on the objects you have found!

RULE 1: The site is as old as the OLDEST artefact found.

RULE 2: The story told by the artefacts ends with the YOUNGEST artefacts found.

CLUES



Clue 1: This type of *flow blue* pottery from the Victorian era dates from as early as 1885 and as late as 1920.



Clue 2: This clay pipe has a maker's mark! It was made after 1891.

CLUES



Clue 3: This military button was created by Harrison & Smith, Ltd, a company which opened as early as 1865, and ended in 1907.



Clue 4: The square shaped nail could date back to the late 1800s, but the horseshoe with the square nail holes dates closer to the 1900s.



NOW, TAKE ALL OF THE SPECIFIC DATES IN THE CLUES AND ARRANGE THEM IN ORDER! (FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS)

Which of the following decades do you think is the EARLIEST the site can be dated?

1860s 1870s 1890s 1910s 1920s 1940s

Which of the following decades do you think is the LATEST the site can be dated?

1860s 1870s 1890s 1910s 1920s 1940s

What is the possible date range for this site?

_____ TO _____