EXPLORE ARCHAEOLOGY
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS FAMILY'S STORY OF ARTIFACT DISCOVERY.

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

THE NEVADA SITE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (NSSP) IS A STATE RUN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT TRAINS THE PUBLIC TO MONITOR AT RISK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES.

THE PROGRAM ALSO EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN REPORTING DAMAGES THEY FIND.

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One spring day...

Look!

I think this was made by a person one-thousand years ago! It is special and important.

I think we should make a real bow and arrow set!

What do you think it is?

It's an arrowhead!!!

What should we do with it?

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I think we should hang it up on the wall. It's beautiful like art!

Thanks!

But I want to take it to my class and teach my friends about it!

We could give it to Mr. Jenkins. He loves old stuff like this.
WHAT IF WE TAKE IT TO A MUSEUM?

...THEN A LOT MORE PEOPLE COULD SEE IT!!

HEY YOU TWO!

WHY DID YOU STOP? I ALMOST LOST YOU!

LOOK WE FOUND AN ARROWHEAD!

WE WANT TO TAKE IT TO A MUSEUM!!

WOW, NEAT! YOU GUYS FOUND A REAL ARTIFACT!

IT'S GREAT YOU WANT PEOPLE TO SHARE YOUR DISCOVERY, BUT THE LAW SAYS WE HAVE TO LEAVE THAT HERE...

BUT IF WE LEAVE IT HERE SOMEONE ELSE WILL TAKE IT!!
Archive

That might be true, but if everyone takes one artifact, soon there will be nothing left to show that people lived here.

And your idea of taking it to a museum shows me that you want to share what you found, but in reality museums are too full and don't have room to display everything.

If we leave it here, maybe someday your baby brother can feel the excitement of finding an artifact where people left it long ago.

Or maybe an archaeologist will find it and be able to study the way people used to live...

I guess you're right - we should leave this here.

...in nature's museum!

That is very responsible! I know you feel disappointed, but there is one thing you can take...

--What?!
NOTES FOR PARENTS:

*AN ARTIFACT IS ANYTHING THAT WAS MADE OR MODIFIED BY HUMANS.

*LAWS LIKE THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT (ARPA) WERE CREATED TO PROTECT ARTIFACTS. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT HTTPS://WWW.NPS.GOV/ARCHEOLOGY/PUBLIC/PUBLICLAW.HTM

*AN ARCHAEOLOGIST IS A SCIENTIST WHO STUDIES THE WAY ANCIENT PEOPLE LIVED.

*THE CONCEPT OF NATURE'S MUSEUM IS FOR PEOPLE TO VIEW NATURE IN A SIMILAR WAY AS THEY WOULD A MUSEUM, LOOKING BUT NOT TAKING.
ACROSS
2. I CAN HELP ___ NEVADA’S PAST!

5. ___ ARE SCIENTISTS WHO STUDY MATERIALS LEFT BY PEOPLE IN THE PAST.

6. ___ HAVE A LOT OF ARTIFACTS IN STORAGE AND CANNOT DISPLAY THEM ALL.

7. WE ___ ARTIFACTS WHERE WE FIND THEM SO OTHERS CAN SEE THEM TOO.

DOWN
1. ___ ARE OBJECTS USED BY HUMANS IN THE PAST.

3. I CAN’T TAKE ARTIFACTS BUT I CAN TAKE ___.

4. IT IS ___ TO REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM PUBLIC LANDS.
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REPORT IMPACTS
PROTECT NEVADA!!