

Context is Everything: Evidence-based Answer Key

Questions 1-3:

Artifacts (Objects)	Context	Use or Function
Hearth	In NE corner of the excavation unit	Cooking food, warmth
Animal bones	By the hearth and pottery in the NE corner of the excavation unit	Food
Pottery	By the hearth and animal bones in the NE corner of the excavation unit	Store and prepare food
Burned nut shell	Near hearth and pottery in NE corner	Food

Question 4:

- a) *The Native Americans used the pot to cook food.*
- b) *They were eating deer or other animals.*
- c) *They were processing nuts to eat.*

Questions 5-7:

Artifacts (Objects)	Context	Use or Function
Animal bones	Near spear point, scraper, and knife in NW part of unit.	Food
Spear point	Near knife, scraper, and animal bones in NW part of unit.	Hunting
Knife	Near spear point, scraper, and animal bones in NW part of unit	Butchering
Scraper	Near spear point, knife and animal bones in NW part of unit	Preparing hide for making clothing to wear

Question 8:

- a) *The Native Americans used the spear point to hunt and kill a deer.*
- b) *They used the knife to butcher a deer to eat.*
- c) *They used the scraper to scrape deer hides or other animal skins to make clothing.*

Question 9: *Native Americans are preparing food at both parts of the site. In Excavation Unit A, it appears that they are in a house or at a camp site and preparing food. In Excavation Unit B, they are hunting and processing an animal.*

