

A close-up photograph of a person's feet wearing blue sneakers with yellow accents, standing on a shovel that is stuck in dark brown soil. The shovel is light blue and shows signs of use. The background is a field of similar soil.

# digging into history!



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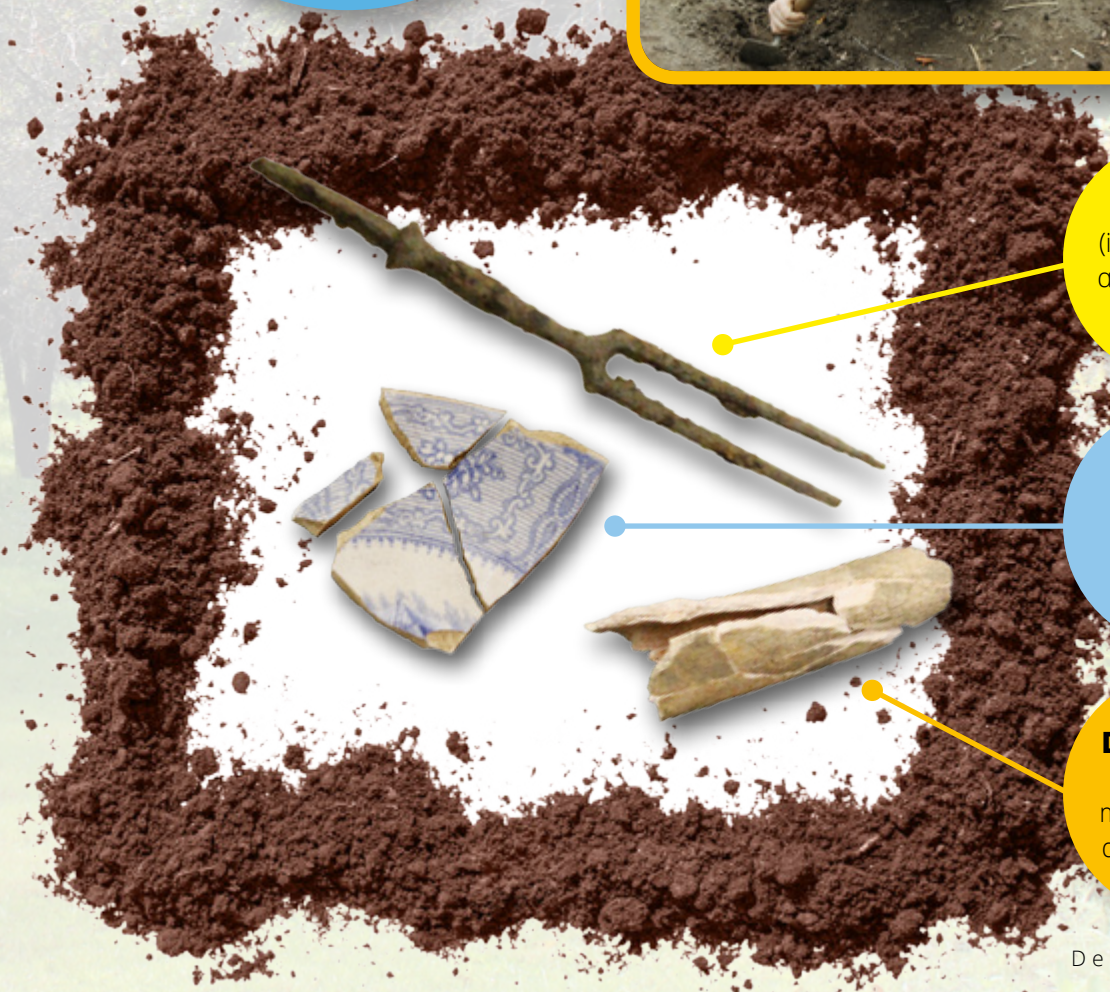
**J**oseph Smith was born on December 23. Have you ever wondered what his life was like when he was very young? Some children went to the place where Joseph Smith's home was in Vermont to find out.

They got to see **stone fences** that Joseph's father and uncles built. These fences kept the cows on their land. In the meadow are some **apple trees**, like the ones the Smiths would have grown to make apple cider, applesauce, and pie.





The children helped archaeologists dig for clues! They uncovered what was left of the Smiths' small log home. They sifted through the dirt and found plates, bowls, and even a fork! ●



**FORK**  
(it probably had a bone or wood handle)

**CHINA**  
plates and bowls

**DEER BONES**  
The Smiths might have had deer for dinner