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**Wednesday, July 15**

**Wild Archaeology “Little John”**

**11:30am**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades.**

On the border between Yukon and Alaska, Jen and Jacob get acquainted with camp life at Little John and participate in their first Wild Archaeology dig, while Dr. Rudy offers his scientific XRF prowess. But they are all surprised to witness the unique relationship between lead archaeologist, Norm Easton, and the Dene people of White River Nation, whose ancestors have occupied the region for over 12,000 years.

**After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning**

**Question Box 1**

- What is the role of the lead archeologist in this program? (ELD) Name three of the responsibilities that the lead archeologist does: use “First, second, and third...”
- How do Jen and Jacob get acquainted with camp life at Little John?
- Describe Jen and Jacob’s first archaeological dig.
- What is XRF prowess?
- What is the unique relationship between Norm Easton and the Dene people of White River Nation?

**Question Box 2**

- Do you think archaeologists have an important job? Why or why not?
- What details from the program support your opinion?

**Box 3 (Tasks)**

- Draw a picture of what the camp might look like, using a 1/4 inch = 1 foot scale. (ELD) Then label each part of the camp using vocabulary from the segment.

**Box 4 (Enrichment)**

- Learn more about the Dene people at
- <http://www.canadahistoryproject.ca/1500/1500-11-dene.html>
- The people of White River Nation have occupied this region for over 12,000

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- years. Describe the changes over time.
- Think like an historian. What contributions were made by the White River Nation that have influenced modern life? (ELD) Use complete sentences, key words from the segment, and you may include a graphic organizer if you choose to use it)

### **Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)**

- Anthropologists are scientists who study the development and behaviors of human beings throughout the world, present and past, to help better understand humanity as a whole.
- Why is it important in today's world to understand the past cultures like the White River Nation people?
- How does understanding past cultures like theirs help us gain a different point of view?
- How will understanding and respecting different points of view make you a better employee/employer?