

# **Current Research Paper – Egypt**

## Solving Archaeological Mysteries

### Spring 2007

**DUE: Wednesday, February 19, 2007**

The purpose of this assignment is to have students become familiar with scholarly research that has been done recently by archaeologists working in Egypt.

#### **What to do:**

- 1) locate an article on some aspect of Egyptian archaeology that was published in an academic journal, preferably (but not necessarily) within the last two decades. Possible journals to search for articles include American Antiquity, Antiquity, Current Anthropology, Journal of Near Eastern Studies, and Journal of World Prehistory. Search for articles and then pick the one that interests you the most.
- 2) read the article carefully
- 3) write a 2-3 page paper that summarizes the article's contents in the following format
  - a. article's bibliographic citation
  - b. major problem that the article addresses, including the time period, location, and why the problem is significant
  - c. data and methods used to address the problem
  - d. major results
  - e. broader implications of the results
  - f. your assessment of the article pro and con

Your paper should be typewritten, double spaced with normal margins and font size, and stapled. Two points will be deducted from papers that are not stapled. One grade notch will be deducted for each section that is omitted. One grade notch will be deducted for "rough" writing. Students are advised to visit the writing center for assistance in polishing their writing. Late papers will have penalty points deducted as indicated on the course syllabus.