



EDIBLE ENCRUSTATION

When an artifact is removed from the sea, it is taken to the conservation lab so that an archaeologist can preserve it. Sometimes an artifact may be covered in coral, sand, clay, barnacles, and calcium carbonate. Archaeologists use hammers, chisels, and drills to carefully remove the artifact from this encrustation. They have to be very careful so the artifacts aren't damaged.

Practice your conservation skills by carefully removing the artifacts from your edible encrustation.

Materials:

- Almond Joy® candy bar or M&M cookie
- Tweezers
- Paper
- Pencil
- Ruler

Carefully examine your encrustation (the cookie or candy bar). Use the tweezers to carefully remove the artifacts (the M&Ms or the nut) from the encrustation. Once you have removed the artifacts, count them and measure them. Record this information and sketch one of the artifacts. Don't forget to eat your encrustation and the artifacts!