

Mend a Broken Plate

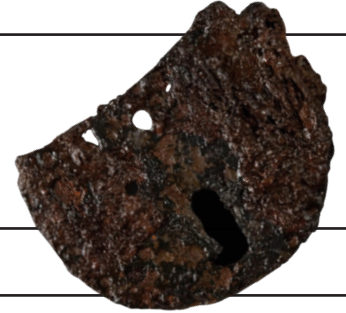
Background Information: When archaeologists do fieldwork, they often find broken objects. Sometimes they are able to piece together these broken objects through a process called **mending**, which is like putting together pieces of a puzzle. When an object is mended, we can see what the complete object looks like.

Main Ideas:

- Archaeology teaches us about the past through the study of artifacts people left behind.
- Mending helps archaeologists get a clearer understanding of the object and its history.

Skills:

- Fine Motor Skills



Questions to Consider:

1. How do we learn about the past?
2. Why is archaeology important?
3. Why do you think some artifacts are broken?



**Plate
Fragments**



**Projectile
Point**



**Cherry
Bottle**

Materials:

- The broken plate template (or a paper plate that can be colored)
- Coloring supplies
- Scissors
- Tape or glue

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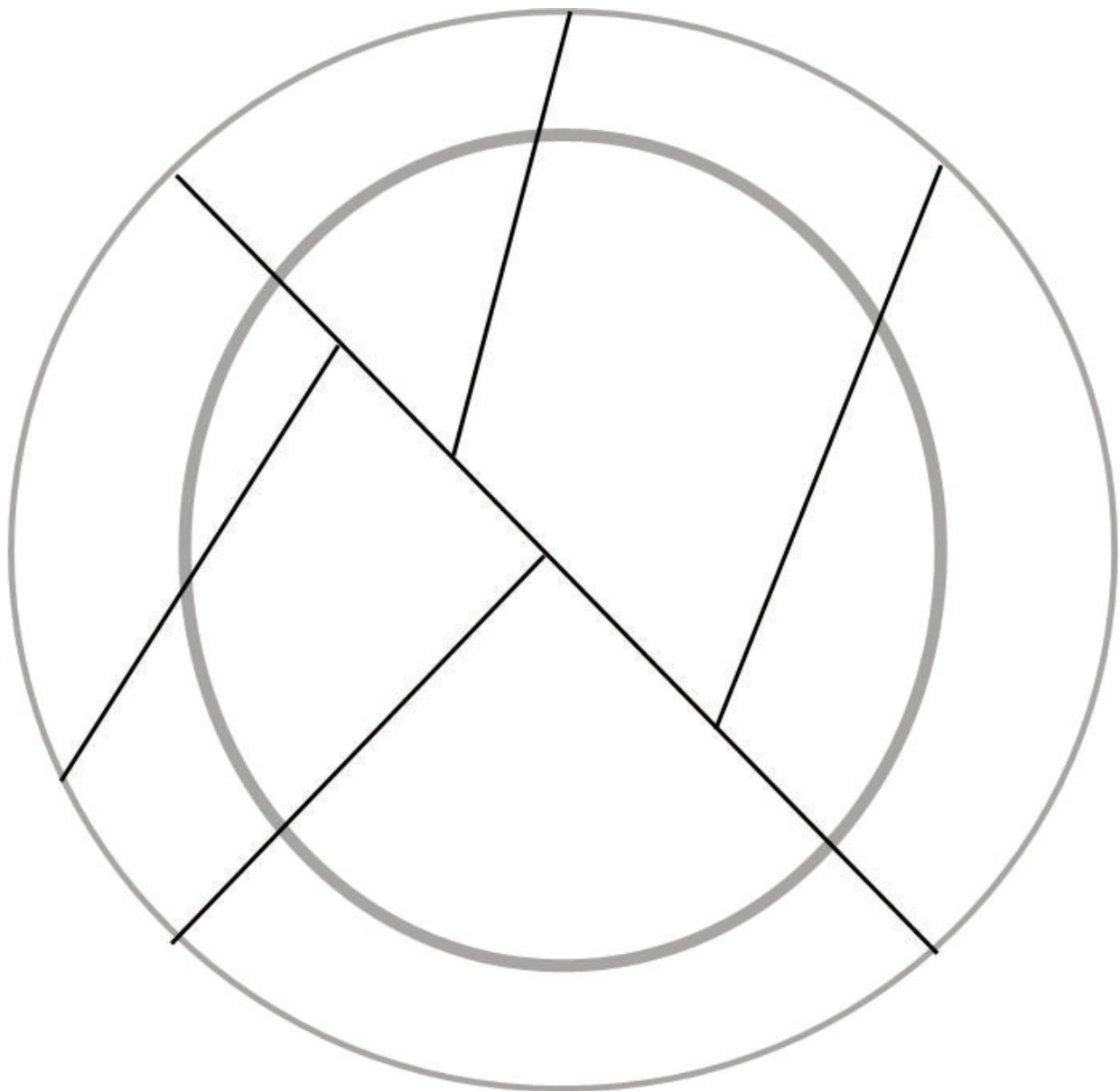
Using the above artifacts and [**Mount Vernon's Archaeology Webpage**](#), learn more about past, present, and future archaeology projects.

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Directions:

1. Color the plate with a design of your choosing.
2. Cut out the outer edge of the plate template (the outer gray line).
3. Cut along the black lines.
4. Practice your mending skills by piecing your plate back together!



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