

Budding Young Archaeologist/Historian of Archaeology

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It seems that the readership of the *Bulletin of the History of Archaeology* becomes more diverse and younger with each passing year. In this section of the BHA, I would like to share with the readership a letter from a young reader (though not a subscriber at the ripe old age of 11 years) from Stoughton, Massachusetts. Below is the verbatim transcription of the letter to the BHA:

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Hi, my name is... and I am in the sixth grade at ...School. Here at the... School we enjoy writing to big companies like you.

I am studying history; for example I study Australopithecines. Homo habilus, Homo erectus, and Homo sapiens. I am studying this with my teacher. I really enjoy studying this.

Would you be kind enough to send me any maps, pictures, books, fossils, tools, ruins, bones, drawings, or magazines from ancient times.

Thank you for your time and attention. I will appreciate anything you can send me.

Sincerely,

My good wishes to this young person as he considers a life in archaeology. Maybe this young writer will be part of the new generation of archeologists of the future.

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