

THE FIRST EMPEROR *from* THE TOMB ROBBERS / DIGGING UP THE PAST:
DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION OF SHI HUANGDI'S TOMB

COPY MASTER

Vocabulary Study

WORDS IN CONTEXT

Directions: As your teacher reads each item, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings of the word, and write on the chart what you think the word means. After reading the selections, confirm or adjust your definitions.

1. When she looked closely at the wrinkled face in the old photo, she realized that she was looking at her own **ancestor**.
2. The discovery of the dinosaur fossil was a true **archaeological** treasure.
3. The Smiths believed they were polite and educated and thought their neighbors were **barbarians** who had no manners.
4. Because there was nowhere else to play, the coach **dedicated** one area of the grounds for soccer practice.
5. The termites ate through so much of the wood that the wall began to **disintegrate**.
6. The **excavation** of the tomb took many years and much hard work.
7. **Immortality** sounds appealing, but would you really want to live forever?
8. Some people believe that the **preservation** of the Everglades will save the alligators.
9. **Reconstruction** of the old building began several weeks after the fire.
10. If Elizabeth trains hard enough for the next track meet, she might **surpass** the school record.

Vocabulary Word	Predicted Meaning	Meaning in Selection
1. ancestor		
2. archeological		
3. barbarians		
4. dedicate		
5. disintegrate		
6. excavation		
7. immortality		
8. preservation		
9. reconstruction		
10. surpass		