

Stratigraphy: Layers of Time

STRATIGRAPHY is the study of natural layering of the ground. During an archaeological excavation, each layer of dirt is carefully exposed inch by inch. This is because the further down you dig, the farther back in time you are.

In this activity, you will match artifacts up with the correct layer or *strata* in which they were found. Pay close attention to what the object is made out of.

Layer A was deposited during the last 10 years.

Layer B was deposited from 100 to 150 years ago. The people who lived there then were farmers.

Layer C was deposited 1,000 years ago. The people who lived there then were prehistoric hunters and gatherers.



Wagon Wheel



Plastic Bottle



Grinding Stone



Glass Bottle



Stone Spear Point



Fidget Spinner



Pitchfork



Ancient Pot



Mouse



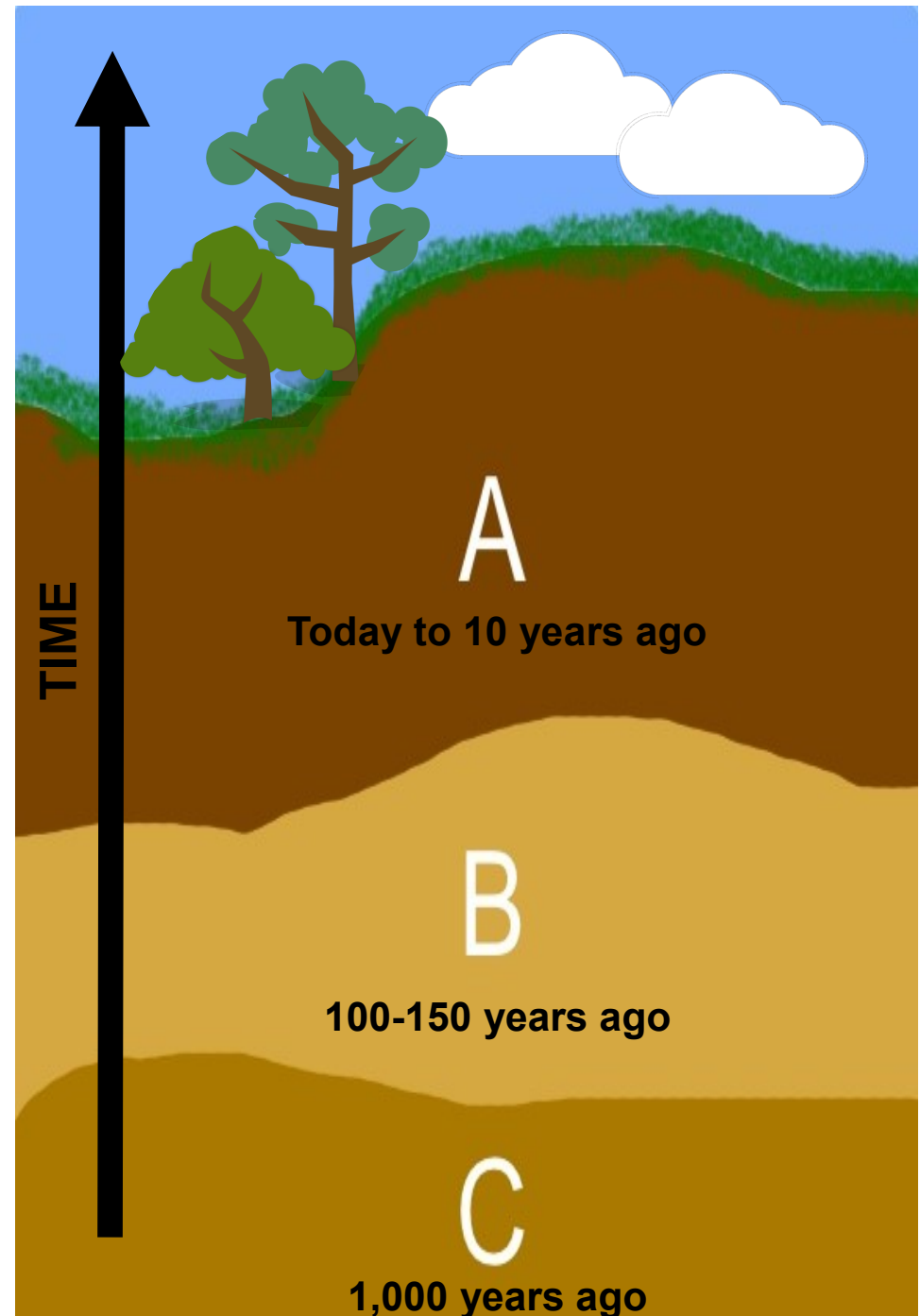
Stone Scraper



Horseshoe



Cell Phone



Draw a line from the artifact to the strata that it came from.