Part I. Instructions:

1. Between now and late April, visit one of the museums, archaeology exhibits, or historic heritage sites listed below in Part II.A. View the exhibit, archaeology site, or historic heritage site in relation to one or more of the general subjects and themes we have addressed in our readings and discussions of the historical archaeology of the Americas. If you prefer to focus on a museum or site for this project other than those listed below in Part II.A, obtain prior approval from one the Teaching Assistants for this course.

2. When viewing the exhibit, identify a topic to study further. You should not select an entire site itself, or a time period in general, as a topic. A topic for your analysis paper can include:

   (a) a specific kind of artifact (such as items used for food service, clothing, household wares, furnishings, architectural materials, personal possessions, implements, weapons, or consumption goods);

   or

   (b) the interpretation or reconstruction of past social relationships (such as past relationships influenced by kinship, ethnic, class, gender, or racial dynamics);

   or

   (c) a specific cultural symbol (such as material expressions of symbols used in particular religious, cosmological, or political systems).

   One of the Teaching Assistants must approve any other type of topic.

3. Back home, find at least one major published print source and at least one internet source that present data about, or interpret, your topic.

4. Write a 5-page paper, double spaced, with 12 point font and 1 inch margins. The first full page should provide a description of the exhibit, explaining how the artifact, social relationship, or cultural symbol was explained in the context of the exhibit. The following four pages should provide a comparison of what you saw in the exhibit versus what you read about it and an explanation of why it is important relative to archaeological and historical studies. List your references at the end of the paper on a sixth page -- list the URL for an internet site, and for published works list the author, date of publication, chapter or article title, book or journal title, and the publisher and place of publication.

5. When preparing assignments, be careful that you do not plagiarize the works of another; that is, do not present the work or words of another author in a verbatim manner as your own. Consult the UIUC regulations for more information on the hazards of plagiarism, at http://www.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/. Assignments handed in late will lose 10% of the possible credit after the class in which they are due, and 10% more for each subsequent day late. No make-ups are provided for missed assignments in the absence of documented and
legitimate medical or family emergencies. Hand in your completed paper in class on April 26, 2007. This assignment counts for 25% of your course grade.

Part II.A. One of the museums, archaeology sites, or heritage sites listed below can be used as the focus for this project. Be sure to contact the museum or heritage site in advance of your visit to confirm the dates and times that they are open for visitors. If you prefer to focus on a museum or site for this project other than those listed here in Part II.A, obtain prior approval from one of the Teaching Assistants for this course.

**Early American Museum.** Rt. 47 North, Mahomet, IL 61853. Mar.-Dec. daily 1pm-5pm. 217-586-2612. This museum has an emphasis on local history, early settlement, and the material culture of the Midwest and prairie frontier, with exhibits on topics such as blacksmithing, African American heritage, regional railroads, and farm life. http://www.earlyamericanmuseum.org.

**Under the Prairie Museum.** 109 Governor Oglesby St., Elkhart, IL 62634. Wed.-Sun. 10am-4pm. 217-947-2522. This frontier archaeological museum, operated by the Sangamo Archaeological Center, provides detailed exhibits of a large collection of artifacts from late 18th to early 19th century sites in Illinois and the Midwest, allowing the visitor an immersion in the material culture of the prairie frontier. http://www.undertheprairie.com.

**DuSable Museum of African American History.** 740 East 56th Place, Chicago, IL. Named after Jean Baptist Pointe DuSable, a Haitian fur trader who was the first permanent settler in Chicago, this museum present exhibits on African American history and heritage. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to subjects such as racial dynamics and material culture of African Americans. http://www.dusableduseum.org/.

**Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site.** RR 1, Petersburg, IL 62575. Varying visitor hours during the year. 217-632-4000. Abraham Lincoln lived in New Salem from 1831 to 1837. While the cooper shop is the only original building still standing, numerous buildings including a carding mill, gristmill, tavern, shops, a school, sawmill and cabins have been reconstructed to their 1830s appearance. Signs for an "archaeology walk" show places excavated during archaeological investigations. http://www.lincolnsnewsaalem.com.

**Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site.** 8 miles south of Charleston, Lerna, IL 62440. Wed.-Sun. 9am-5pm. 217-345-6489. 86-acre historic site that is owned and operated by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Division of Historic Sites. The site includes a reproduction of the Lincolns' two-room cabin that was constructed on the original cabin site in 1935 as a Civilian Conservation Corps project. A working living history farm has been developed around the cabin, and a second farmstead, the Stephen Sargent Farm, has been moved to the site to help broaden visitors' understanding of 1840s rural life in Illinois. http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org.

**John Deere Historic Site.** 8393 South Main, Grand Detour, Dixon, IL 61021. Apr.-Nov.: Daily 9am-5pm. 815-652-4551. The exhibit hall displays the 1962 excavations of John Deere’s blacksmith shop, where he developed the first successful steel plow in 1837. Visitors
may also visit the John Deere home and a visitor center. The site is a National Historic Landmark. http://www.deere.com/en_US/attractions/historicsite/index.html

**Fort de Chartres State Historic Site.** 1350 State Route 155, Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277. This site is four miles west of Prairie du Rocher, IL on Ill. Rt. 155. Visitor hours vary during year, so call for current information. 618-284-7230. The Peithman Museum at Fort de Chartres displays many 18th-century archaeological artifacts relating to the French occupation of Randolph County. Following archaeological excavations in the 1970s, visitors today can view a partially rebuilt 18th-century fort. http://www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/fort_de_chartres.htm


**Cobden Museum.** 206 Front St., Cobden, IL 62920. Sat.-Sun.: 1pm-5pm. 618-893-2067. Exhibits include 19th-century pottery vessels from the Kirkpatrick family and Anna Pottery, pioneer household items, and objects from the fruit and vegetable production and packing industries, including manufacture of boxes, barrels, and basketry. http://www.shawneeheartland.com/cobden_museum.html.

**Part II.B.** The museums and historical societies listed below might be able to provide a focus for your project, depending upon the exhibits offered at any given time. If you wish to make a particular exhibit at one of these museums or historical societies (or at some other museum or site not listed above in Part II.A) the focus of your project, obtain prior approval from one the Teaching Assistants for the course.

**Spurlock Museum.** 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to the material culture of the historic period. http://www.spurlock.uiuc.edu/.

**Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum,** 212 N. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to the material culture of the historic period. http://www.alplm.org/home.html.

**Illinois State Museum.** 502 South Spring St., Springfield, IL. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to the material culture of the historic period. http://www.museum.state.il.us/.

**Lincoln Home National Historic Site.** 426 S. 7th St. (Visitor Center) Springfield, IL 62701. Daily 8:30AM-5PM. 217-492-4241. In the four-block neighborhood of Abraham Lincoln's family home, the Dean House and Arnold House occasionally have exhibits that include information from excavations at the National Historic Site. http://www.nps.gov/liho.
Jacksonville's Historic Underground Railroad Heritage Sites. Jacksonville, IL. The Underground Railroad Committee of the Morgan County Historical Society provides tours, arranged by appointment, of homes believed to have been involved in escape routes, including Woodlawn Plantation and other locations in Jacksonville. [http://www.laddcenter.com/ugrr/tours.html](http://www.laddcenter.com/ugrr/tours.html).

Chicago History Museum (formerly the Chicago Historical Society Museum). 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to the material culture of the historic period. [http://www.chicagohistory.org/](http://www.chicagohistory.org/).

The Field Museum. 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to the material culture of the historic period. [http://www.fieldmuseum.org/](http://www.fieldmuseum.org/).

Nauvoo Historical Society Museum. Nauvoo State Park, Ill. Rt. 96, on the south edge of Nauvoo, IL. Nearby are the Historic Nauvoo and Joseph Smith Historic Site, operated by the Illinois Nauvoo Mission of Latter Day Saints, which presents reconstructions and some archaeological displays.

Colonial Cahokia State Historic Sites. Cahokia Courthouse, 107 Elm St. Cahokia, IL 62206. Visitor hours vary during year; call for current information. 618-332-1782. Built by the French about 1730-1740, the Cahokia Courthouse served as the center of political activity in the Northwest Territory in the late 18th century. The building was dismantled in 1901 and reconstructed on its original site in 1939. WPA excavations in the 1930s are included in the courthouse exhibits. [http://www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/cahokia_courthouse.htm](http://www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/cahokia_courthouse.htm).

Customs House Museum. 14th & Washington Sts., Cairo, IL 62914. Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-12PM, 1-3PM. 618-734-3637. The Federal Customs House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a three-story limestone building with an extensive collection of African American heritage, information on the Civil War era iron clad ship, the USS Cairo.

Missouri Historical Society. Lindell and DeBaliviere, in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to the material culture of the historic period. [http://www.mohistory.org/](http://www.mohistory.org/).


Indiana State Museum. 650 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN. Check their web site for new exhibits that may relate to the material culture of the historic period. [http://www.in.gov/ism/](http://www.in.gov/ism/).