

TABLE 10.1 Three Levels of Archaeological Research

Low-level research	The least explicitly theoretical aspect of archaeology includes most kinds of field and laboratory work, and the reconstruction of culture history includes such things as recording sites and describing artifacts
Middle-level research	Attempts to understand the patterning of material remains, primarily through ethnoarchaeology, experimental archaeology, and taphonomy
High-level research	Focuses on explaining significant events in the human past, how various parts of cultures influence each other, and why cultures change
