

Welcome fine archaeologist to your new digging ground! **Strata** is a tabletop role-playing game where you dig to uncover the history hidden under the many layers of rock that have formed over the millennia. Hope you brought along your **Equipment**: This page, some paper, pencils, two six-sided dice, and your imaginations.

To play a game of Strata, draw two horizontal lines on your piece of paper, keeping some space to write between them. This is the first **Layer** (or Stratum) that you will be excavating. Roll the **Discovery** table, and then the **Fossil**, **Artifact**, or **Structure** table to find an item. You may also just pick an item if you wish.

Write the item down in your layer (between the lines). Speculate on the origins of the piece, and answer questions like what it looks like, how it came to be, who influenced it, when it existed, and why is it significant? Write these details down underneath the item.

Feel free to discover more items in the same layer. Make connections with previous discoveries and build a geological narrative. Once you're satisfied, **Name** your layer (i.e. Anchor Age Formation) and create the next layer underneath by drawing another line.

When you're done, you should have your very own Strata, with your discoveries and their details written within the different layers!

Roll **2d6** for the tables below. Add the dice results like so: 3 + 2 = 32.

Fossil	Artifact	Structure
11. Trilobite	11. Tin Can	11. Crater
12. Mammalian Ribs	12. Clay Figurine	12. Burial Mound
13. Tracks	13. Shield	13. Longship
14. Colossal Tusk	14. Sword	14. Mosaic
15. Exoskeleton	15. Arrowhead	15. Abandoned City
16. Hominid Jaw	16. Helmet	16. Cave Paintings
21. Tooth	21. Breastplate	21. Castle
22. Petrified Wood	22. Wooden Box	22. Wall
23. Large Bone	23. Glass Vial	23. Stone Circle
24. Sea Creature	24. Ceramic Pot	24. Monument
25. Ammonite	25. Ring	25. Temple
26. Fish	26. Metal Statuette	26. Relief
31. Footprint	31. Amulet	31. Pyramid
32. Strewn Bones	32. Flute	32. Column
33. Pterodactyl Wing	33. Shroud	33. Effigy
34. Extinct Plant	34. Crown	34. Mine
35. Seeds	35. Inscribed Tablet	35. Quarry
36. Egg	36. Drinking Horn	36. Mass Grave
41. Woolly Mammoth	41. Wheel	41. Amphitheater
42. Missing Link	42. Pipe	42. Cobblestone Road
43. Amoeba	43. Mask	43. Tower
44. Sauropod Neck	44. Scroll	44. Ancient Landfill
45. Giant Insect	45. Coin	45. Wagon
46. Feathers	46. Axehead	46. Mausoleum
51. Nest	51. Necklace	51. Geoglyph
52. Rodent	52. Sarcophagus	52. Hearth
53. Scales	53. Anchor	53. Encampment
54. Shark	54. Shoes	54. Cellar
55. Stegosaurus Spike	55. Stone Tools	55. Bridge
56. Mosquito	56. Bullet	56. Shrine
61. Cryptid	61. Bow	61. Battlefield
62. Feces	62. Nail	62. Forge
63. Sabre-tooth Claw	63. Art Piece	63. Well
64. T-Rex Skull	64. Ceremonial Object	64. Grave
65. Tiny Creature	65. Horseshoe	65. Arena
66. Unknown Specimen	66. Out-of-Place Artifact	66. Dungeon

