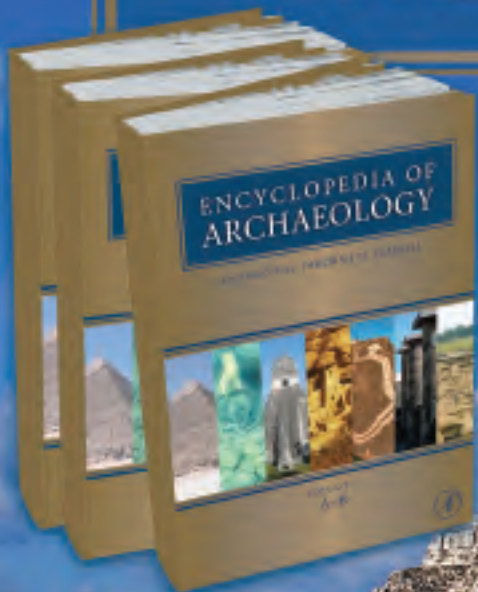




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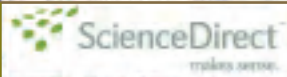
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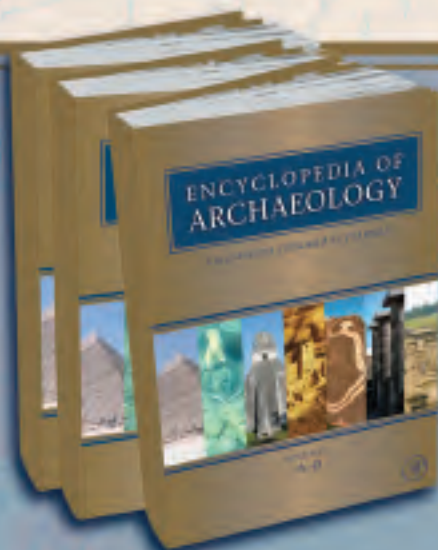
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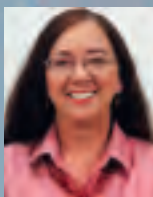


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meningitis Inflammation of the meninges, the protective layers of the brain and spinal cord.

osteomyelitis Infection of the bone, often caused by bacteria.

osteoporosis A condition characterized by a loss of bone mass and structural integrity, leading to an increased risk of fractures.

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Introduction

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Evidence for Disease

Types of Evidence from Historical Records

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Figure 1 The Ban Non Non Earthenware Jar from the site of Ban Non Non, Thailand, showing the primitive form of dental chair, c. 3000 BC.



Figure 2 The site of Ban Non Non, Thailand, showing the primitive form of a dental chair, c. 3000 BC.

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Figure 8



Figure 9 An Angkor Wat relief, showing a scene with a large figure and other people.

A second king of the Mahayajna dynasty, Jayavarman VII (AD 1181–1219), was responsible for the construction of Angkor Wat, the most important Hindu temple in Cambodia. This temple was dedicated to the Hindu deity Vishnu. Jayavarman VII was a devout Hindu, and he wanted to represent the Hindu deity Vishnu. He also ordered the construction of the Angkor Wat temple, which is known as Angkor Wat. According to contemporary accounts, the temple was built on a site that was once a lake. The temple was built on a site that was once a lake. The temple was built on a site that was once a lake.



Figure 10 Late Cosmopolitan Age archaeological artifacts in the Lower Valley.



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