Key Terms – Write a brief definition or description-- in your own words as much as possible. You may make flash cards instead, one term per card. (We'll be covering details of dating methods over the next couple weeks, so those terms aren’t included here.)

activity area
pedestrian survey

artifact
primary refuse

cache
remote sensing

context
secondary refuse

deciduous dentition
sexual dimorphism

diaphysis
taphonomy

ecofact
test pit

epiphyseal fusion
location of Pilfershire (on US map)

faunal assemblage

feature
Thought Questions – Write a brief paragraph to answer each question. Include specific examples and definitions whenever possible.

What is anthropology and what are its subdivisions?

How was the Pilfershire site formed and what is it like today? How is this related to taphonomy?

How are archaeological sites preserved? How do they survive for thousands or even millions of years?

How do archaeologists find sites?

How do archaeologists analyze food remains? What insights do these remains provide us about the lives of past people?