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Exploring Ancient Cities: Archaeological Insights — Part 1

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ABSTRACT

Archaeology is a discipline that is well-positioned to study the 6000 years of urban living, and ancient cities can provide insight into some of the wicked problems of modern urbanism. In this video (Part 1 of 2) Kathryn Grossman, Ph.D. discusses how archaeologists study ancient cities (it requires careful research design!). You'll also learn how studying ancient cities reveals the diversity of forms cities have taken, and how they have sustained (or failed to sustain) themselves.

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