

THE NATIONAL PARK AND THE EXCAVATION

Questions Explored in this Lesson

How do the Israeli National Parks Authority and the Ashkelon excavation work together?

Why is the Canaanite Gate, found in Ashkelon, a significant archaeological find?

Procedures

- Watch the video, The National Parks and the Excavation
- After watching the video have students find examples of ways local/national parks are partnering with historical agencies in your community. Have students photograph these relationships (signage, monuments).
- Introduce students to the United States National Parks website. Find places near your students that highlight relationships between historical agencies and The National Parks Service.
- One of the most significant finds in Ashkelon is the Canaanite Gate. Have your students watch the Canaanite Gate video.
- Using natural materials (rocks, sticks, mud) have students try and build a to replicate of the Canaanite gate in Ashkelon. You could also do this with sugar cubes and glue.
- The Canaanite Gate was the entrance to the Canaanite city of Ashkelon. Does your community have a monument, signage, or something significant at its entrance? If so, have students visit and document this place through photographs or drawings.