Communication in Public Archaeology: Issues of Translation at the Kolb Site

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What's this? A posthole?



Volunteering at the Kolb site



Tools for Communicating with the Public

- Heuristic Metaphors
- Conceptual Metaphor
- Visual References

Definition of Public

- First year multi-day volunteers
 - Avocational archaeologists
- Daily Volunteers
 - Avocational archaeologists, first-timers, and curious parties
- Public At-Large
 - School Groups
 - Visitors on Public Day





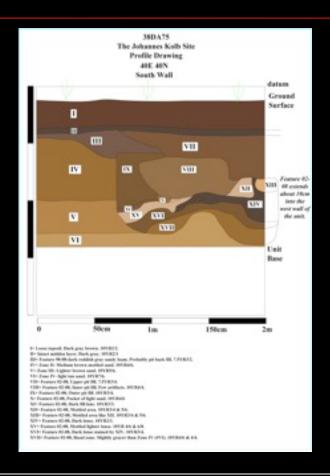
Changes in 1999





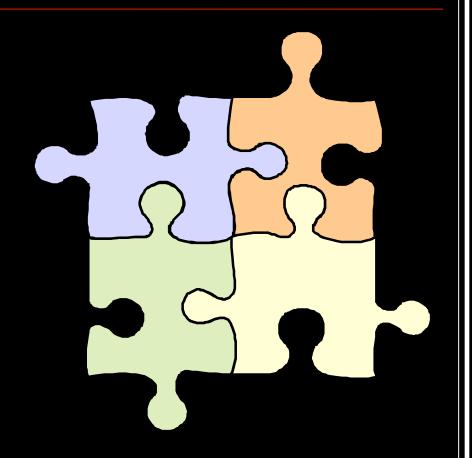
Heuristic Metaphor

- Substitutes one thing for another
- One to one ratio
- Grand Canyon wall to Unit Profile wall



Conceptual Metaphor

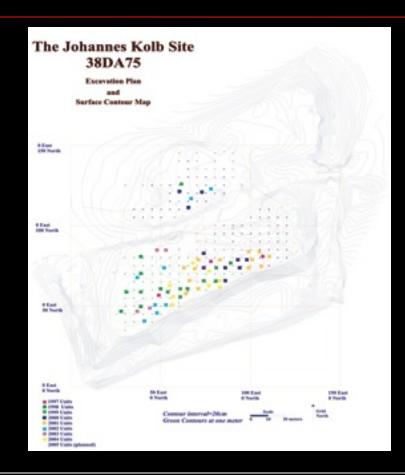
- Compares one concept to another concept
- Apparent in descriptive language
- Archaeology is a puzzle



The importance of context



Visual References





Visual Interpretations





Visual Demonstrations





Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together

