Homework: Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, a British Archaeologist, argued that Pompeii ‘is at once the most studied and the least understood of sites. Universally familiar, its excavation and scholarship prove a nightmare of omissions and disasters. Each generation discovers with horror the extent to which information has been ignored, neglected, destroyed, and left unpublished’.

* *To what extent have archaeologists and site projects assisted OR hindered historical interpretations regarding Ancient Pompeii and Herculaneum?*

Throughout the archaeological history of Ancient Pompeii and Herculaneum, the actions of archaeologists and site projects have undoubtedly hindered historical interpretations of the sites. Despite extensive efforts in favour of these locations’ ethical investigation, renditions of historical events have been distorted as a consequence of the past absence of archaeological integrity. The argument presented by Andrew Wallace-Hadrill addresses this twisting of historical interpretations, proclaiming the sites’ excavation and scholarship “a nightmare of omissions and disasters”.

**Archaeological Integrity:**

Continuum:

Belzoni: known for being untrained in methods of archaeology, caused destruction to sites. - Low archaeological integrity

Schliemann: said to have lied extensively about discoveries, has been criticized for destruction of sites. - Low archaeological integrity

Fiorelli: one of the first archaeologists to stick to a rigorous methodology and scholarly integrity, known for a commitment to preservation. - High archaeological integrity

Leakey: left an “unparalleled” legacy of research and integrity, regarded for her high standards. - High archaeological integrity