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**Items lost in the Stone Age are found in melting glaciers**

Focusing on the “high mountains of Sothern Norway” this article explains how, as ice melts around the world, we are finding ancient artifacts that can tell us a little more about the lives of ancient peoples. “… in the past 20 years we have witnessed artefacts turning up in summer from increasingly deeper layers of the glaciers,” says Lars Pilø (Nordahl).

Among what they found was walking staffs and horse skulls from the Viking’s Age and a Stone Age arrow shaft. These kinds of findings are under “Glacial Archaeology”, a rather new specialization in archaeology, and “… in November 2014 [the Journal of Glacial Archaeology](http://www.equinoxpub.com/journals/index.php/JGA) was launched” (Nordahl).

This is connected to our anthropology class because it’s a great example of how we use evidence to come to conclusions rather than guesses or basing our information from ancient stories founded in myth, answers that are real instead of comfortable.

I feel that it’s important because there are so many “magical” thinkers out there that teach children, make laws, and influence other important aspects of our world. Humanity should be to a point where we use evidence to support claims rather than making the claim first, with unsubstantial or no evidence, and believing said claims until those beliefs are proven wrong. This kind of thinking leads to people not wanting to change their beliefs in the face of evidence because it’s in our nature not to go against what we learned as children, or to throw away what we’ve spent so much time convincing ourselves of.

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