

### 本集内容

Mexico's 'underwater kingdom' 墨西哥的“水下王国”

### 学习要点

有关“discovery（发现）”的词汇

### 边看边答

What is the name of the vibrant red clay often used for rituals and artwork by the first people to inhabit the Americas?

### 文字稿

Through the darkness and into an underwater kingdom (in Mexico).

穿过黑暗的水底，进入墨西哥的水下王国。

Here, scientists hope to find clues which could **unravel** prehistoric mysteries.

在这里，科学家们希望找到能**揭开**史前谜团的线索。

And they did.

结果他们真的找到了。

The divers discovered a perfectly **preserved** cave with **evidence** of mining from 11,000 years ago.

潜水员们发现了一个**保存完好**的洞穴，这里有 11000 年前采矿活动的**痕迹**。

Brandi McDonald, Archaeological science specialist

What's really remarkable about the sites is the preservation. This is incredibly **rare**, in archaeology: to find evidence for human activity that's this old and this well preserved.

布兰迪·麦克唐纳 考古科学专家

“这个洞穴遗址令人惊叹的地方是它保存完好。这在考古学中是极为**罕见的**：发现这样古老且保存如此完好的人类活动证据。”

They found ancient tools, evidence of fire pits and signs of **excavation** of ochre – the vibrant red clay often used for rituals and artwork by the first people to inhabit the Americas.

潜水团队发现了古代的工具，火坑存在的证据，以及**挖掘**赭石的痕迹。赭石是一种颜色鲜亮的红色粘土，曾常被最早居住在美洲的人们用来举行仪式和创作艺术品。

The many hours spent on this underwater exhibition has shone a light on the ancient tribes.

科学家们花费大量时间对这片水下遗迹展开的研究，使人们对古代部落的风貌有了一定的了解。

But exactly why they spent their time deep within the cave remains a mystery.

但古代部落的人们为什么会呆在洞穴深处仍然是一个谜。

词汇

unravel 揭开

preserved (古代遗迹) 保存

evidence 证据

rare 罕见的，稀有的

excavation 挖掘，发掘

视频链接

<https://bbc.in/3j071hV>

问题答案

The vibrant red clay is called ochre.