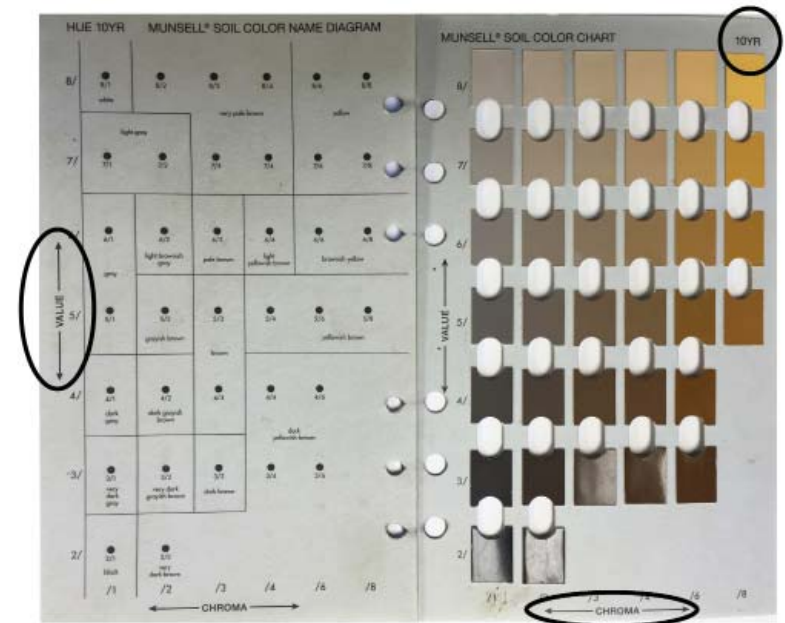


What Color is that Soil?

Archaeologists take careful notes as they work. They especially pay attention to the different layers of dirt they find at each dig site. When they describe this soil, they talk about what color it is and what kind of dirt it is. Because everybody describes colors a little differently, archaeologists use a book of color samples to find standard ways to talk about what they see. To do this, they match the dirt they find to the same color in the book.

Imagine that you are writing a description of one of the soil samples on the table. Then try some more. Use the Munsell color chart to find the information you need.



Sample # <i>(look on the bag)</i>	Hue <i>(look at the number and letter combination in the upper right-hand corner of the Munsell chart)</i>	Value <i>(look at the number on the left side of the Munsell chart)</i>	Chroma <i>(look at the number on the bottom of the right side of the Munsell chart)</i>	Word description <i>(decide whether the dirt feels gritty, smooth, or as if it will stick together; circle your answer)</i>
				sand (gritty), silt (smooth), clay (sticks together or balls up)
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