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Answers



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Accept 'discovered' and 'unearthed'



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Accept a reasonable explanation that the bold subheadings make it easier for the reader to find the information they need.



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Accept a reasonable explanation, e.g. Yes, because this treasure dates from the time of Ancient Greek history or no, because it just proves there was a settlement there but not necessarily Troy.