

THE POWER OF CROWDS – READING REVIEW

Use the words from the box to fill in the gaps in the text.

archaeologists sites labeled approach
Internet grave satellite help

Nowadays, scientists are using a new _____ called crowdsourcing to investigate the past in a new, exciting way. It involves using the power of the _____ and asking the public for _____ with a project.

In Mongolia, _____ are trying to solve an 800-year-old mystery: the location of Genghis Khan's tomb. The founder of the Mongol Empire was buried in an unmarked _____ somewhere near the Burkhan Khaldun, a sacred Mongolian mountain. Since it's a huge place, scientists had to study over 85,000 _____ images so they needed a lot of help. Fortunately, more than 10,000 volunteers joined the search. These "citizen scientists" logged in to a website and _____ landmarks and anything else that looked unusual. According to project leader Albert Lin, the exact location is still unknown, but he believes they are getting closer because with this project they have identified more than 50 _____ that might be related to Genghis Khan's tomb.

Choose the correct word.

In 2017, Dr Parcak _____ in Peru GlobalXplorer, a citizen science project that aims to find and protect important _____ sites from looters. This project is designed like a game where participants first watch online videos to _____ to identify certain features on satellite images. Then, they study and flag satellite images on their own. Once enough volunteers say that they see the same thing, Parcak and her team _____ for

themselves and just then they pass information to archaeologists on the _____. The "players" receive a _____ based on how accurate they are. In other words, thanks to crowdsourcing projects like GlobalXplorer, anyone with a _____ and an Internet connection can be part of a new age of _____.

Match the words with their synonyms.

Tomb

Holy, sanctified

Sacred

To indicate, to point out

To log in

Criminal, thief

Landmark

Grave, crypt

To aim

Correct, precise

Looter

To connect to, to log on

To flag

Indicator, signal

Accurate

To point, to direct