



# ÖTZI THE ICEMAN

In 1991, hikers discovered a mummified corpse in a rocky and snowy hollow high in the Ötztal Alps on Italy's border with Austria. Scientists observed the body of the corpse and figured out that the corpse was an elderly man in his mid-40s. They found a precious copper bladed ax, a flint-tipped dagger, a bow with arrows, and a fire starting kit. He was also wearing three layers of sturdy clothes and hiking shoes with bearskin soles. Scientists figured out the man was about 5,000 years old.



If you were one of the hikers who found the corpse, what kind of observations would you make?

Scientists might ask how the corpse could be so well preserved but they already knew the answer by using inference. Use inference to answer how Ötzi the Iceman preserved so well over the years.

What kind of job-field do you think Ötzi the Iceman had? Explain your answer.

What was Ötzi the Iceman socioeconomic status (lower, middle, or upper class)? Explain your answer in detail.