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Using Pottery Identification Techniques to Establish a Chronology at the Deep Valley site Cave Branch River Valley, Belize

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Last summer, I had taken part in an archaeological survey in the Caves Branch River Valley, Belize. We looked at a few types of Mayan sites. One of the sites was Deep Valley, which is a Mayan city that has had very limited excavations done there. One of the most important things that has to be done when surveying a new site is to figure out when it was occupied. This was my job. I used pottery identification techniques to determine that this site was occupied during the Terminal Classic, which is when the Mayan “collapse” occurred.