## Finding a Treasure Trove of Gold!

You are an archaeologist working for a museum.

You have done your research and you have a feeling that you are searching in the right spot.

Will you find that legendary haul of treasure that was hidden by pirates hundreds of years ago?



## The Treasures of Lima

With a war of independence looming in 1820, Spanish officials in the city of Lima in Peru, decided to transport the city's wealth to Mexico for safe keeping. The treasure was entrusted to Captain William Thompson of the ship the 'Mary Dear'.

However, the treasure never made it to Mexico. Along the way, the captain and crew conspired to keep the haul for themselves. They buried the treasure somewhere safe, intending to come back for it later.

It was rumored that there were twelve chests which contained 500 000 gold coins, 16-18 pounds of gold dust, 11 000 silver ingots as well as gold statues, gold crowns, thousands of diamonds and other gemstones.

Soon after, the pirate ship was caught and the crew were charged with piracy. The captain and his first mate promised to lead authorities to the haul in exchange for their lives. Upon arriving at the supposed location, the two escaped, never to be seen again.

Many have tried and failed to find the location of the hidden treasure. Nobody knows if the stories are real or just rumors. Imagine finding that treasure trove!

## Tell your story:

What difficulties will you encounter on your quest? Describe the landscape of the secret location. Will you be successful? How will the experience change your life?

