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Looking for Treasure

In October 2004, a tin pot with 1474 silver coins hidden in a leather bag was found at a depth of about one metre in Ulvila. It is the largest find of medieval money ever found in Finland. This event inspired us to launch our own project, Looking for Treasure.

Students plan a treasure hunt in the field with a metal detector. During the project, the students examine the found objects using the methods of history and physics.

Finally, the students write a paper that combines information from history and physics without forgetting source criticism. The paper presents material cultural heritage and the history of Ulvila as well as metal detectors and their development and operating principle.

The project is implemented in cooperation with Satakunta Museum. The students become familiar with the Antiquities Act and follow it during the search.



Looking for Treasure is a winner of the research competition for secondary school students organised by University Consortium of Pori, Finland.