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A laboratory class in Near Eastern archeology taught by Professor Helene J. Kantor (left): selected potsherds, after geographical and chronological identification by the students, are arranged stratigraphically to demonstrate the development of ancient Near East cultures.