

TABLE 8.1 Reasons for Reconstructing Paleoenvironments

REASON	EXAMPLES
1. To know what people were adapting to	Availability of plants and animals, temperature, precipitation, raw materials, hazards, carrying capacity
2. To know where to look for sites	Paleocoastlines, underwater sites, old river and stream courses
3. To reconstruct site formation and disturbance processes	Fluvial or aeolian deposition, erosion, high- or low-energy deposition