

CHAPTER 2: THE FIRST AMERICANS

Core Lesson 1: Ancient Americans pgs 38- 43

People Arrive in the Americas:

- People began arriving in the Americas around _____ years ago
- Theory:

- Theory #1: Hunters first came to the Americas across a _____ between _____ and _____.
- Theory #2: People traveled by boat along the _____ or across the _____.

Beringia:

- Thousands of years ago, during the _____, glaciers covered most of the world.
- At the _____, between Alaska and Asia, the ocean floor became grassland and formed a bridge called BERINGIA.
- Many animals lived in Beringia and hunters followed these animals across the land bridge to North America.
- _____ is the movement from one region to another.

- The migration over the land bridge ended around 10,000 years ago when the _____ ended and the _____ started to melt and covered the land bridge between Asia and North America.
- The people who followed the _____ across the land bridge moved south.
- The hunters spread across North and South America
- Paleo-Indians:

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- Paleo= means "past"

Civilizations Develop:

- Farming led to villages, more people, and civilizations.
- Adapt:

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- Over time, people adapted to changes in their surroundings.
 - Paleo-Indians began to use agriculture to feed themselves.
 - They gathered seeds of wild plants and learned how to grow them as crops:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 - _____ changed the way people ate and the way people lived.

- Paleo- Indians began staying in one place to care for their crops. Populations grew, villages and cities were built. These changes were part of the growth of _____!

The Mound Builders:

- The _____, _____, and _____ (THE MOUND BUILDERS) were among the earliest people to create large, complex villages in North America
- They built mounds to bury their dead, keep _____, _____, and _____.
- One of the most famous Mississippian sites is located in _____, Illinois where 85 mounds still exist today!
- Adena and Hopewell lived in what is now the _____.
- Adena made _____ or _____ shapes out of their mounds. Example: The Great Serpent Mound

Ancient Pueblo Peoples:

- Lived in what is now the Southwest
- Some Ancient Pueblos lived in large buildings made out of mud and stone with many rooms—they looked like towns.
- They could group these homes on top of one another

- _____ was built in New Mexico. It was 4-5 stories high with hundreds of rooms.
- _____ are underground rooms and used for _____.
- Today the descendants of the Ancient Pueblo live in Arizona, New Mexico, and northern Mexico

The Aztecs:

- This civilization ruled Central Mexico for about 200 years. Their capital city was _____.
- The Aztecs made their own _____.
- The Aztecs built large temples that had a court for playing a game similar to _____.

