

(kp) The Journey from Asia

- ❖ These early people crossed a \_\_\_\_\_ from Siberia in northeastern \_\_\_\_\_ to present-day \_\_\_\_\_. This land bridge, \_\_\_\_\_, now lies under the waters of the Bering Strait.
- ❖ These early Americans were \_\_\_\_\_, moving from place to place in search of food.
- ❖ These early peoples were skilled \_\_\_\_\_. They used every part of the animal for food, clothing, weapons, and tools.

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Preliminary to 1492

Sect. 1 Early Peoples

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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(kp) The Journey from Asia

- ❖ The first people migrated from \_\_\_\_\_ to North, Central, and South \_\_\_\_\_ during the last \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. They reached the Americas thousands of years ago.
- ❖ This \_\_\_\_\_ took centuries, and people spread out across the Americas as far east as the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean and as far south as the tip of South America.

Discussion Question 1

- ❖ Why did these early people spread out across the Americas?

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**(kp) Why did Early Peoples  
Settle Down?**

- ❖ As large animals such as the \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared, Native American hunted smaller game and ate \_\_\_\_\_ and berries
- ❖ Native Americans began to find new food sources by learning to plant and raise crops.

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**(kp) Why did Early Peoples  
Settle Down?**

- ❖ People living near the coast of rivers learned to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ Settlers formed \_\_\_\_\_ and communities. Some people remained nomadic hunters.
- ❖ Early peoples eventually developed their own \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Discussion Question 2**

- ❖ *How did early Native Americans learn to adapt to their environment?*

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**Sample Questions for Sect 1**

**# 1**

- ★ ***Where do archaeologists believe early Americans came from?***
  - A. Mexico**
  - B. Atlantis**
  - C. Asia**
  - D. England**

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## Sample Questions for Sect 1

# 2

- ★ *The Ice Age provided access to the Americas through the*
  - A. *Bering Strait*
  - B. *Atlantic Ocean*
  - C. *Beringia Land bridge*
  - D. *Alaskan land bridge*

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## Sample Questions for Sect 1

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- ★ *What did early Americans need in order to began to form communities?*
  - A. *dependable food supply*
  - B. *clay to build homes*
  - C. *money to buy things*
  - D. *ways of protecting themselves*

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## (I) Ch.1 – The First Americans

Prehistory to 1492

Sect. 2 Cities and Empires



(kp) What were some Early American Civilizations and where were they located?

- ❖ Several great civilizations arose in present-day \_\_\_\_\_ and Central and South America. The most advanced were the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_. Each thrived for centuries.

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(kp) Who were the Maya, and where were they located?

- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ civilization flourished in present-day Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ The people built large cities, each having at least one \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ was the largest Mayan city and had five pyramids.

(kp) What type of society did the Maya have?

- ❖ The Mayan civilization was a \_\_\_\_\_, or a society ruled by religious leaders.
- ❖ The Maya believed that the gods controlled all that happened on Earth. Atop the pyramids were religious and \_\_\_\_\_ centers.

(kp) Who were the Olmec and where were they located?

- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ people lived in what is now Mexico, \_\_\_\_\_, and Honduras, between 1500 B.C. and 3000 B.C.
- ❖ The Olmec built stone pavement and \_\_\_\_\_ systems and sculpted large stone monuments. Their civilization influence their neighbors.

### Discussion Question 3

- ❖ Why do you think early American civilizations developed along large bodies of water?

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(kp) How did the Aztecs flourish on an island?

- ❖ Founded in 1325, \_\_\_\_\_ was the home of the Aztec and their capital city. Situated on an island, it was one of the largest cities in the Americas.
- ❖ Workers toiled day and night to make causeways linking the island to the mainland and filling in lake \_\_\_\_\_, upon which the city was built.

(kp) What were Mayan People like?

- ❖ The Maya became skilled \_\_\_\_\_ and developed a writing system called \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ Mayan traders transported their goods such as \_\_\_\_\_, vegetables, jade, turquoise, jewelry, and \_\_\_\_\_ beans on their backs and along the water.
- ❖ No one knows what caused the decline of the Maya around A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, but descendents of the Maya still live in parts of \_\_\_\_\_ and Central America.

(kp) How would you describe Aztec Society?

- ❖ The Aztec people were \_\_\_\_\_ and conquered nearly all rival communities. They built a military empire.
- ❖ From the conquered people, the Aztec took weapons, maize, cotton cloth, and copper. The Aztec forced their captives to work as \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ The Aztec people also believed in pleasing the gods. Their society was organized around religion, and they sacrificed thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ in religious ceremonies.

### Discussion Question 4

- ❖ *Why do you think the Maya believed that the gods controlled what happened on Earth?*

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## Discussion Question 5

❖ *How did the Aztec build a military empire?*

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(kp) Who were the Inca?

- ❖ The Inca Empire developed in the western highlands of South America.
- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_, the capitol city, was founded around A.D. 1200.
- ❖ The Inca ruler \_\_\_\_\_ and his son, \_\_\_\_\_, conquered neighboring lands to build their empire.

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(kp) How big was the Incan Empire?

- ❖ It was the largest of the early American civilizations. The empire stretched more than \_\_\_\_\_ miles from present-day \_\_\_\_\_ to northern \_\_\_\_\_ and Chile.
- ❖ The population of the Inca Empire at its height was more than \_\_\_\_\_ million people.

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(kp) How did Incan society progress?

- ❖ the Inca were very advanced.
  - ❖ They built \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ miles of paved roads.
  - ❖ Rope bridges crossed canyons and roads.
  - ❖ Rope bridges crossed canyons and rivers.
  - ❖ They developed a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ system.
  - ❖ They developed a system of \_\_\_\_\_ the land by building platforms so that they could plant crops on slopes.

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## Discussion Question 6

❖ *Why is the Inca considered a great civilization?*

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## Sample Questions for Sect 2 # 1

- ★ *What is a society ruled by religious leaders called?*
  - A. *democracy*
  - B. *theocracy*
  - C. *civilization*
  - D. *quipus*

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## Sample Questions for Sect 2 # 2

- ★ *The largest empire of the early American civilizations was the*
  - A. *Maya*
  - B. *Aztec*
  - C. *Inca*
  - D. *Olmec*

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## Sample Questions for Sect 2 # 3

- ★ *The Inca produced a steady food supply using*
  - A. *hieroglyphics*
  - B. *calendars*
  - C. *terraces*
  - D. *spiked copper balls on rope*

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Prehistory to 1492

## Sect. 3 North American Peoples



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(kp) Who were some early Native Americans?

- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ lived in an area known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Corners of present-day \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ from A.D. 1 to A.D. 1300.
- ❖ Anasazi built stone and cliff dwellings. A \_\_\_\_\_ or stone dwelling looked like an apartment building. The cliff dwellings were built into the walls of steep cliffs. *Pueblo Bonito* and \_\_\_\_\_ are examples.

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(kp) Who were some early Native Americans?

- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ lived in central North America from present-day \_\_\_\_\_ to the Mississippi River valley. They built mounds of earth that looked like the Aztec stone pyramids.
- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ built the largest settlement in present-day \_\_\_\_\_. This city may have had 16,000 people. The highest mound, \_\_\_\_\_, rose nearly 100 feet and was probably the highest structure north of Mexico.

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(kp) Who were some early Native Americans?

- ❖ Many Native American cultures existed in North America before \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in the 1500's.
- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ lived in the desert of present-day \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ Civilization flourished from about A.D. 300 to A.D. 1300.
- ❖ Built irrigation channels to bring water to the hot, dry land from nearby \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Rivers and left behind pottery, carved stone, and shells.

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- ❖ The people of the Southwest were the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_. Their homes were made of adobe bricks, and they raised maize, beans, and squash. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ settled in the region in the 1500s. They were hunters and gatherers, unlike the other peoples of the region, and built square homes called \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Question 7

- ❖ Why do you think the dwellings of these early Native Americans (the pueblos, mounds, and cliff dwellings) were large and massive?

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- ❖ The peoples of the Plains were \_\_\_\_\_. They hunted and farmed and built tents called \_\_\_\_\_ that they moved with them from place to place. They learned to tame wilds horses and used them to hunt and fight.
- ❖ The peoples of the East, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, formed complex political systems of governing. (5 groups) known as the Iroquois Confederacy.
- ❖ The peoples of the Southeast were the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. They farmed and adapted to the warmer woodlands climate of the south.

- ❖ The peoples of the North were the \_\_\_\_\_, settling in the cold Arctic region. Inuits may have been the last to migrate to North America. They built \_\_\_\_\_ to protect themselves from severe weather.
- ❖ They wore \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to keep them warm and dry. They were hunters and fishers.

## Discussion Question 8

- ❖ *Why do you think different Native North American groups developed a wide variety of cultures?*

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## Sample Questions for Sect 3

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- ★ *Who were the native peoples who dug hundreds of miles of irrigation channels?*
  - A. *Mound Builders*
  - B. *Hopi*
  - C. *Hohokan*
  - D. *Anasazi*

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## Sample Questions for Sect 3

# 2

- ★ *Which Native Americans made clothing from sealskins?*
  - A. *Nez Perce*
  - B. *Inuit*
  - C. *Haida*
  - D. *Chinook*

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## Sample Questions for Sect 3

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- ★ *The group whose constitution shows that women had a strong voice in government was the*
  - A. *Iroquois League*
  - B. *Oneida Nation*
  - C. *United States*
  - D. *Mohawk Nation*

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