



North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 4: The Natives and the Newcomers

Section 1: Cultures of the First People

Focused Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. _____ are scientists who study and interpret artifacts of past human life.
2. Many scientists now believe that the first people came to North America across a _____ at what is now the Bering Strait.
3. These people were called _____, a Latin word for “old stone” because they used stone tools.
4. Their habits and patterns are classified as the _____ period.
5. _____ is the beliefs, traditions, music, art, and social institutions of a group of people who share common experiences.
6. Some time about 5,000 to 7,000 years ago, the Archaic people developed an improved _____.
7. The _____ was a carved stick that had a base at right angles to the shaft.
8. _____: permanent stone formations for campfires.
9. They improved their tools as well, using axes to chop trees and long rocks in bowls to grind meat, nuts, and grease together. This mixture, _____, was a long-lasting and nourishing food.

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10. _____, what Americans call corn, originated in Mexico.
11. What archaeologists call _____ became part of the culture of the people.
12. Because people living in this time depended so much upon the forests for shelter and hunting, this time was known as the _____ period.
13. For several centuries, the original people were influenced by a culture that came from the southwest. Historians call this influence the _____ culture because its principal towns were located along the Mississippi River.
14. To create _____ among the settlers, the priests ordered them to spend the autumn months erecting a square mound in the middle of the settlement. Today, North Carolinians call this _____ Town Creek Indian Mound, with the word *town* designating its place as a ceremonial center.
15. The people came several times a year to celebrate. The most important festival was the _____.
16. The _____ culture seems to have survived for several hundred years. However, by the 1500s, when the first whites came into the area, it had lost its influence.