

US History - The First Americans - Matching Quiz

Write the word that best matches each definition or clue.

1. MOUND BUILDERS Early Native Americans who built large earthen structures.
2. MAYA A people that developed a great civilization after the Olmec from about 250 A.D. to 900 A.D. in Mesoamerica.
3. CULTURE A way of life shared by a group of people.
4. ARTIFACTS Tools or other objects that humans made.
5. ARCHAEOLOGIST A scientist who studies the past by studying artifacts.
6. HOHOKAM An agricultural people that inhabited the American Southwest in what is now Arizona from 300 B.C. to 1400 A.D.
7. OLMEC A people that thrived in Mesoamerica from about 1200 B.C. to 400 B.C.
8. DOMESTICATION Breeding plants or taming animals to meet human needs.
9. MIGRATE To go from one country, region, or place to another.
10. ICE AGE An era of extreme cold that lasted for thousands of years.
11. CIVILIZATION A complex culture that has cities, specialized jobs, organized government, religion, system of record keeping, and advanced tools.
12. PUEBLO BONITO An 800-room great house built in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico by the Anasazi.
13. ANASAZI A people who lived in an area where Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico now meet from 100 A.D. to 1300 A.D.
14. MESOAMERICA A region that stretches from central Mexico to present-day Nicaragua.
15. LAND BRIDGE Joined Asia and North America during the last Ice Age.
16. IRRIGATION The practice of bringing water to crops.

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