

# US History - The First Americans - Study Sheet

1. land bridge      Joined Asia and North America during the last Ice Age.
2. Ice Age          An era of extreme cold that lasted for thousands of years.
3. archaeologist    A scientist who studies the past by studying artifacts.
4. artifacts        Tools or other objects that humans made.
5. migrate          To go from one country, region, or place to another.
6. culture          A way of life shared by a group of people.
7. domestication    Breeding plants or taming animals to meet human needs.
8. civilization      A complex culture that has cities, specialized jobs, organized government, religion, system of record keeping, and advanced tools.
9. irrigation        The practice of bringing water to crops.
10. Mesoamerica    A region that stretches from central Mexico to present-day Nicaragua.
11. Olmec          A people that thrived in Mesoamerica from about 1200 B.C. to 400 B.C.
12. Maya          A people that developed a great civilization after the Olmec from about 250 A.D. to 900 A.D. in Mesoamerica.
13. Hohokam        An agricultural people that inhabited the American Southwest in what is now Arizona from 300 B.C. to 1400 A.D.
14. 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.
15. Pueblo Bonito    An 800-room great house built in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico by the Anasazi.
16. Mound Builders    Early Native Americans who built large earthen structures.