

The First Americans Study Guide



Olmec & Maya

<u>When</u> did the Olmec civilization exist? <u>Where</u> was the Olmec civilization located?	
What did the Olmec civilization do for <u>food</u>?	
What were the Olmec known for?	
<u>When</u> did the Maya civilization exist? <u>Where</u> was the Maya civilization located?	
What was the Maya civilization known for?	
Why did the Maya civilization <u>end</u>?	

Aztec & Inca

Describe the <u>environment</u> of the Aztec Empire? How did the Aztecs <u>farm</u>?	
What was an important part of Aztec life?	
What did the Aztecs do when they conquered another territory?	
How did Pachakuti, the ruler of Inca, strengthen the Inca Empire?	
Describe the <u>environment</u> of the Inca Empire? How did the Incas <u>farm</u>?	
What was the Inca civilization known for?	

Native Americans of the Southwest

Describe the environment. What method did the Hopi use in order to <u>farm</u>?	
Describe the Hopi <u>homes</u>.	
Describe the Hopi <u>religion</u>.	
What <u>problems</u> did the Navajo run into? Why?	
What did the Navajo learn from the Hopi?	
Describe the Navajo <u>homes</u>.	

Native Americans of the Woodlands

Describe the Woodlands <u>environment</u>.	
Describe their <u>homes</u>.	
Who were the <u>leaders</u> of the Iroquois clans?	
What was the Iroquois Confederacy? Why was it formed?	
What was the Great Law?	
What was the purpose of the Grand Council?	

Native Americans of the Plains

Describe the <u>environment</u>.	
What did they do for <u>food</u>?	
Describe their <u>homes</u>.	
How did the arrival of <u>horses</u> affect them?	
What was the winter count?	
Why were the buffalo important?	

Native Americans of the West

Describe the <u>environment</u>.	
<u>Where</u> did they get almost everything they needed? What was the most important <u>food</u>?	
Why was the <u>salmon run</u> so important?	
What <u>technology</u> did the Tlingit developed?	
What were <u>totem poles</u>?	
What happened after the arrival of the <u>Europeans</u>?	