

Learning Unit No. 1

“Peopling of the Americas: First Americans”

Unit Outcomes:

1. Trace the origin of Paleo-Indians and investigate the theories concerning their route to the Americas.
2. Identify achievements of ancient Indian civilizations.
3. Identify the different groups of North American Indians and their ways of life.
4. Describe potential areas of conflict between American Indian and European societies.

Outline:

- I. origins of the "First Americans"
 - A. theories of migration
 - B. impact of the Agricultural Revolution
- II. early Indian societies
 - A. Mesoamerica
 - B. Peru
 - C. North America
- III. Indians of North America (from 1500)
 - A. diversity
 - B. livelihood
 - C. beliefs
- IV. cultural conflict
 - A. land use
 - B. technology

Key terms and names: (and quotations)

anthropologist
artifacts
Paleo-Indians
civilization
tribute
social classes
shamans

archeologist
pre-Columbian
hunter-gathers
domestication
empire
slash-and-burn

Readings:

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