

Virtual Field Trip Lesson Overview

Grades
10-12



Indigenous People: The Paleoindian Period to the Mississippian Period

This program will follow the history of the first people to come to the Americas and how they survived and thrived in a new land. Students will learn about the Paleoindian, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian cultures.

During this lesson your presenter will discuss the Paleoindian, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian people who lived in North and South America. The presenter will give examples of the locations these groups settled, the climates they faced, and the animals that they hunted. The students will be shown artifacts and forensic evidence archaeologists have found from the Paleoindian period through the Mississippian period, and how this evidence gives us a glimpse into the lives of these ancient people.

Standards Covered:

Social Studies Standards

AH.01 Explain the human-environment interaction on hunter-gatherer societies.

AH.02 List characteristics typical of hunter-gatherer societies, including their use of tools and fire.

AH.03 Describe how the domestication of plants and animals gave rise to stable communities.

AH.04 Explain how archaeology and new technologies (e.g., 3D imaging and dating tools) inform our understanding of the past.

TN.01 Describe changes in life in the Tennessee region from the late ice age through the Archaic period.

TN.02 Compare and contrast features of life in the Tennessee region during the Woodland and Mississippian periods.

TN.03 Analyze the customs and traditions of American Indians located in the Tennessee region prior to European contact, including Cherokee, Iroquois, Chickasaw, Shawnee, and Creek

E.45 Explain the benefits of trade among individuals, regions, and countries.

CI.03 Analyze how cultural characteristics (e.g., language, religion, ethnicity, gender roles) link, divide, and/or define regions.

CI.07 Analyze the relationship between historical facts and historical interpretation.

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