

Cultures of North America

Focus Question: How did geography influence the development of cultures in North America?



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Mississippian Mound Builders



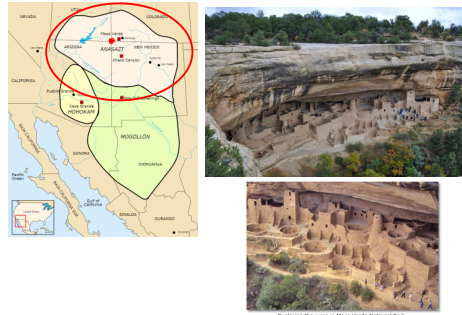
12 areas in Mississippi

Mississippian Mound Facts:

- Over hundreds of years, there were [redacted] for various purposes. However, only a small percentage of these remain today.
- Regardless of the particular age, form, or function of individual mounds, all had [redacted] for the people who built them.
- Many earthen mounds were regarded by various American Indian groups as [redacted]
- With such sacred associations, mounds were powerful territorial markers and monuments of social unity, reinforcing and perpetuating [redacted]

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Anasazi

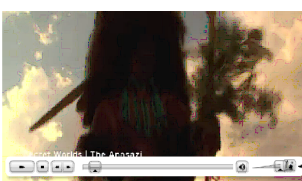


★ **Anasazi Fast Facts:** ★

1. ancestors of the modern Pueblo people
2. lived in large cliff dwellings
3. respected "kachinas," ancestor spirits who would bring rain

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THINK: Why would the Anasazi choose to live on cliffs? What role do you think "kachinas" played in society?



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What are culture areas ?

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What is currency ?

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Native Americans had the worshipping what kind of world?

shared belief of



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Native Americans in the Far North

What was the land like?

What did they eat in the Arctic?

What did they eat just south of the Arctic?





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Native Americans in the Northwest

Which modern-day states did they live in?

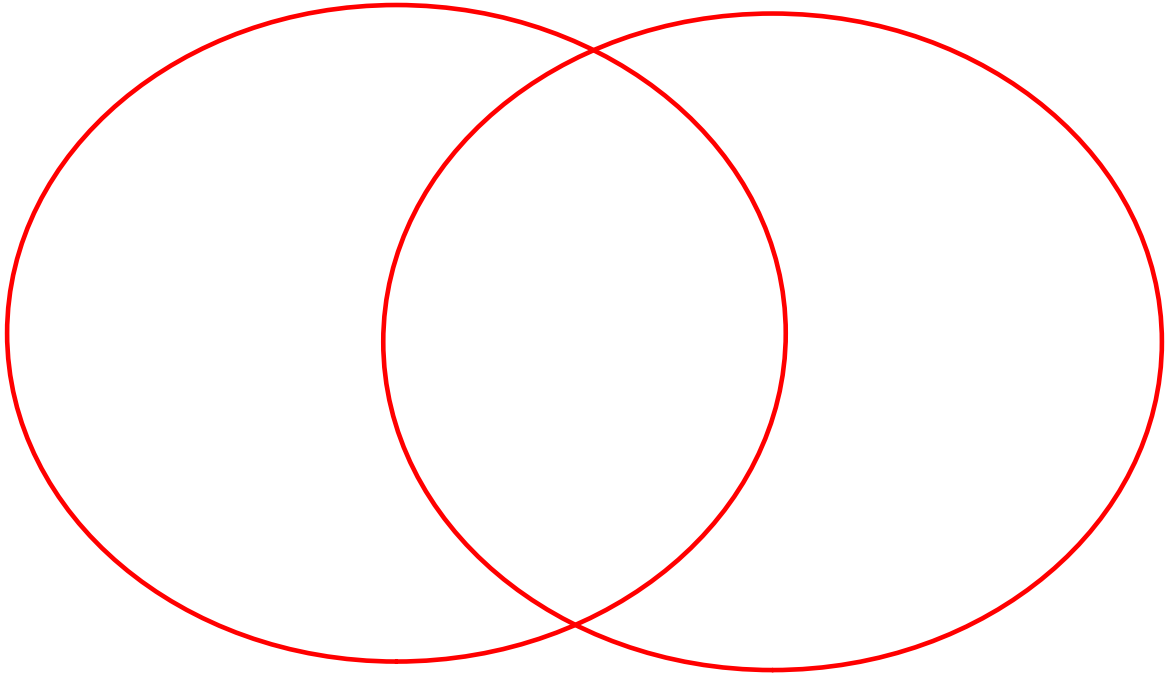
What did they eat? How did this affect their lifestyle?

What is the potlatch?



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Compare cultures in the **Far North** to the **Northwest** :



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Native Americans in the Far West

Where did they live?

What was it like in California?

What were their homes like?




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Native Americans in the Southwest

What was the weather like?

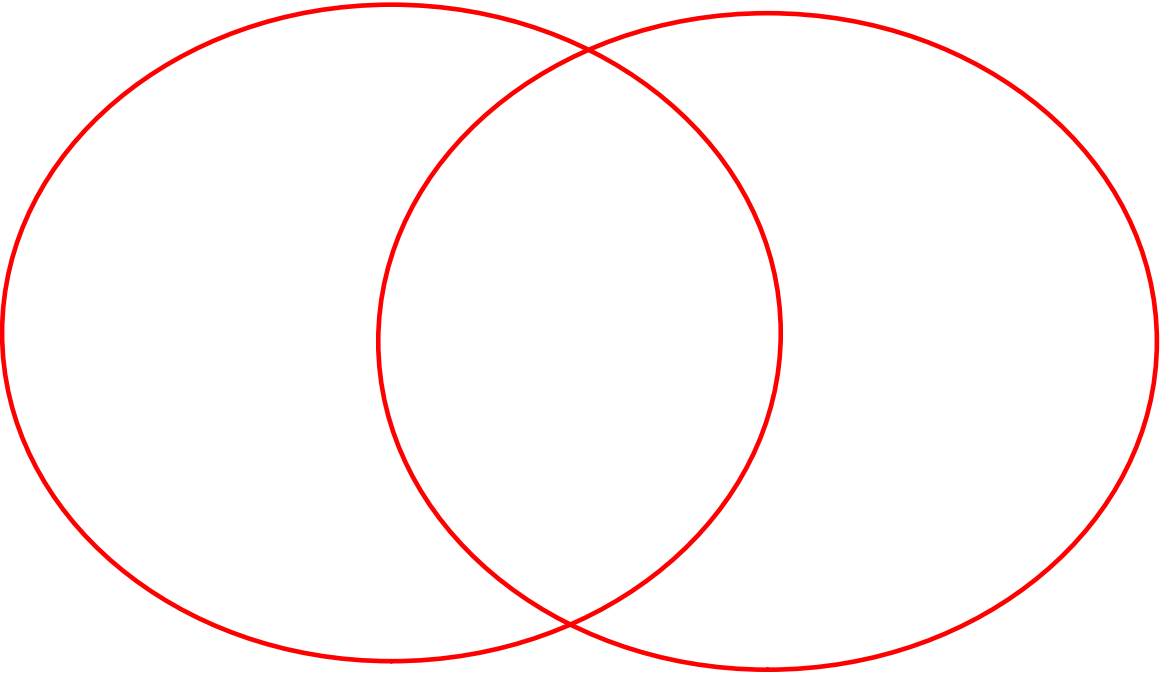
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Native Americans in the Great Plains

Where is the Great Plains?

How did people in the east plains live?

How did people in the west plains live?

Why were buffalo so important?



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Native Americans in the Eastern Woodlands

Why is it called the "Eastern Woodlands" ?

How did they eat?

What groups lived there?



The **Eastern Woodlands** region covered the **east coast** of what is today the United States. It stretched from the **Atlantic Ocean** west to the **Mississippi River**. It also included parts of **southern Canada**.


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Native Americans in the Southeast

What was the weather like?

What were their homes like?

How did the Natchez people run society?



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Compare cultures in the Great Plains to the Eastern Woodlands and Southeast :



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Back to the focus question.

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