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American History

Pre-Colombian Native Cultures Webquest

25 points (informal)

Due 8/14 (via email [Dkuluris@flagarts.com](mailto:Dkuluris@flagarts.com), please title your Subject Lastname, Firstname, period Native Webquest)

**Use the following site to answer the following questions:**

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/era.cfm?eraID=1&smtID=1>

1. Approximately when and from where did Paleo-Indians Migrate to North America?
2. How was property generally viewed in North America?

**Use the following website to answer the following questions (feel free to work in groups but please do not simply copy answers)**

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/era.cfm?eraID=1&smtID=2>

*Myths and misconceptions*

1. What was the approximate population of North America in pre-Colombian North America?

*Origins*

1. What discovery changed our understanding of when the first Americans arrived?
2. What was the explanation of many 16th century Europeans on the origins of Native Americans?
3. Do most scholars believe all Native Americans arrived at once?

*Prehistoric Patterns of Change*

1. What changes lead the first Native Americans to form permanent settlements?

*The Cultures of Prehistoric America*

1. What is a potlatch?

*Native America on the Eve of Contact*

1. About how many languages were spoken in North America?
2. What was the Iroquois league and how was it structured?

*Kinship and Religion*

1. Briefly describe kinship and religion in Native Societies (3 bullet points or sentence)

**Take look at the Timeline and list what you feel are the 5 most important dates between 80,000 B.C.E and 1492**: <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/era.cfm?eraID=1&smtID=4>

**Use the videos on the following website to answer the questions:**

<https://dlc.dcccd.edu/history1-1/first-americans>

1. What roles did the salmon, totems, and kin groups play in the pre-Columbian Indian cultures of the Pacific Northwest?
2. What were the characteristics of the Chumash culture along the California coast?
3. How did the ancestral pueblo peoples of the Southwest adapt to their environment? What characterized their social organization and village life?
4. What characterized the culture that developed at Cahokia? How is this culture similar to that found at Adena and Hopewell? What purposes did mounds serve?
5. How did the environment affect pre-Columbian Indian cultures in the Southeast? What characterized these groups?
6. Why did indigenous peoples of the Northeast often inhabit villages that were seasonal sites? What else characterized these people?