**UNIT I NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES**

**Learning Focus**

In this unit, you will be exploring thousands of years of Native American history in North America prior to the arrival of Europeans. We will begin by discussing the first arrival of humans to North America via the Bering land bridge. We will next discuss the emergence of Paleo-Indian cultures, and then we will see how Woodland and Archaic cultures developed from the Paleo-Indian foundations. We will end the lesson by examining some of the Native American cultures in North America just prior to the voyages of Christopher Columbus.

**Unit Essential Questions**: upon the completion of this unit, you will be able to do the following:

Identify explanations that have been developed for the origins of the first peoples to arrive in the Americas.

Identify the regions that were first settled in the Americas.

Demonstrate an understanding of the major historical eras in the Americas before the arrival of the Europeans.

Differentiate between the major cultural groups in the prehistoric Americas.

**Unit 1 - Guided Questions and Test Review**

Use the guiding questions below to help you take notes. You should be able to answer these before taking a Unit test.

1.1 Guiding Questions:

What are the religious and cultural explanations for the origins of Native Americans?

What are the scientific explanations for the origins of Native Americans?

What regions were first settled in the Americas?

1.2 Guiding Questions:

What are the characteristics of Paleo-Indian cultures?

What was the significance of Clovis culture?

1.3 Guiding Questions:

What are the major features of Archaic cultures?

What characteristics distinguished the Woodland cultures from other Native American cultures?

1.4 Guiding Questions:

What were some of the peoples in North America in the centuries prior to European contact?

What were the principal features of pre-contact Native American societies?

* 1. ORIGIN STORIES

Hopi Origin Story | Native America | Sacred Stories | PBS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D53yGnJwjT0>

Three Native American Creation Myths

[https://medium.com/@robert.f.williams/three-native-american-creation-myths-a20ec9129c6](https://medium.com/%40robert.f.williams/three-native-american-creation-myths-a20ec9129c6)

# Southeastern Native American Creation Stories

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHgKdlqDi30>

# Bering Land Bridge Theory <https://www.nps.gov/bela/learn/historyculture/the-bering-land-bridge-theory.htm>

# Coastal migration Theory

# First Humans Entered the Americas Along the Coast, Not Through the Ice <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/humans-colonized-americas-along-coast-not-through-ice-180960103/>

# The Clovis Point and the Discovery of America’s First Culture

# <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-clovis-point-and-the-discovery-of-americas-first-culture-3825828/>

* 1. PALEO-INDIANS

PaleoIndians

<https://mnh.uiowa.edu/paleoindians>

# Paleo Indians <https://www.pbs.org/video/paleo-indians-smdxb2/>

# The Paleoindian & Early Archaic Periods

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2krTkEccFj4>

* 1. WOODLAND PERIOD

# Woodland Period 500 BC - AD 1100 <https://www.nps.gov/fosm/learn/historyculture/woodlandperiod.htm>

# The Woodland Period

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAoN9Pl4THs>

# What culture did the Eastern woodlands have?

# <https://www.sidmartinbio.org/what-culture-did-the-eastern-woodlands-have/>

# PRECONTACT PEOPLES

# Riddles of the Anasazi

# <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/riddles-of-the-anasazi-85274508/>

# Native American Society on the Eve of British Colonization <https://www.ushistory.org/us/1.asp>

# The Anasazi

# <https://www.ushistory.org/us/1b.asp>

# The Algonkian Tribes

# <https://www.ushistory.org/us/1c.asp>

# The Iroquois Tribes

# <https://www.ushistory.org/us/1d.asp>

# THE HOHOKAM

# <https://www.arizonamuseumofnaturalhistory.org/plan-a-visit/mesa-grande/the-hohokam>

# Hohokam Culture

# <https://www.nps.gov/articles/hohokam-culture.htm>

# Hohokam and Anasazi History

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qwtYXuVHsk>