Early Cultures:
Native American Tribes

Inuits
Kwakiutl
Hopi
Nez Perce
Pawnee
Seminole
Most people believe that the first people who lived in North America came from Asia.

- These people possibly used a **land bridge**.
- The bridge linked **Siberia in eastern Russia** with **Alaska** at the spot of the Bering Strait.
- The first people to cross this bridge probably arrived in **North America** thousands of years ago.

Humans Spread all over North America.

- They moved **southward**. By 10,000 years ago, they had reached the tip of **South America**.
- These people were the **ancestors** of the Native American Indian groups.
- By the time Christopher Columbus’s **first Atlantic crossing**, several million **Native Americans** populated North America.
- They formed hundreds of **different groups**.
- Each group had its own **language, customs, religious beliefs and practices, festivals, and ways of organizing their villages and government**.
- Settled in the **Arctic regions of Greenland, Alaska, Canada, and northeastern Russia**.
- Adapted to a really **cold, snowy, and icebound** environment.
- There were nearly no **vegetables** for to eat.
- There were very few **trees** to make shelters.
- The Inuit hunted **caribou**, which are like large deer.
- Lived in **animal skin tents**.
- For shelter in winter, the Inuit built snow-block houses called **igloos**.

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The Kwakiutl lived near **Vancouver Island** in what is now British Columbia, in **Canada**.

- They used the **waterways** between Vancouver and the mainland for fishing.
- They held **potlatches**. These festivals celebrated **special events**, such as marriage or childbirth.
- They gave **gifts** at potlatch’s.
- The Tlingit, who lived near the Kwakiutl in the Pacific Northwest, used **red cedar trees** of the area to build **houses, canoes, and tools**.

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The Nez Percé lived on the **plateau**, a raised area of mostly **level** land.

- They settled in what is now central **Idaho**, as well as areas of eastern **Oregon and Washington**.
- Nez Percé means “**pierced nose**” in French.
- They wore **nose ornaments**.
- They fished in rivers and streams for **salmon** (main food).
- They also hunted **deer and other game** and collected **berries and roots** for food.
- Men wore **buckskin and breechcloth** shirts with leggings and women wore **deerskin dresses**.
- They lived in houses that were shaped like an **A-frame and covered with mats**.

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The Hopi

The Hopi settled in the **Southwest**, mostly in **northeastern Arizona**. (hot and dry)

- They supported themselves mostly by **farming and by herding sheep**.
- Main crop was **corn**. They also grew **squash, melons and beans, and other vegetables and fruits**.
- They used wool from **sheep to weave colorful clothing and blankets**.
- They also made **moccasins** for shoes.
- They lived in houses built on **terraces** and made out of **stone and adobe**, which is sun-dried brick called **adobe houses (Pueblos)**.

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Many Native American peoples settled on the Great Plains, including the Pawnee, the Sioux, and the Mandan.

- They settled near the Platte River in central Nebraska.
- They were expert buffalo hunters.
- They relied on the buffalo, or bison, for all of their basic needs: food, clothing, and shelter.
- Buffalo hunts were made much easier after the American Indians received horses from European settlers.
- The Pawnee used buffalo-skin tepees for shelter while they were on buffalo hunts.
- In their villages, they lived in dome-shaped housed covered with sod, or strips of grassy earth.
- The sod kept the inside of the home warm in winter and cool in the summer.

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- The **Seminole, the Creek, the Cherokee, the Choctaw, and the Natchez** lived in the Southeast.
- The Seminole settle in what is now **northern Florida**.
- They **hunted and fished**.
- They lived in simple houses held up by **poles** and covered by **thatched roofs**.
- Occasionally, they decorated their clothing with **bright-colored strips of cloth**, copying the Spanish.

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Lesson Review

1. Which of the following provided food for the Inuit?
   a. buffalo and deer
   b. rabbits and squirrels
   c. seals, whales and caribou
   d. corn and beans

2. Which of the following was herded by the Hopi?
   a. sheep
   b. horses
   c. buffalo
   d. goats

3. In what type of shape were Pawnee houses built?
   a. square
   b. A-Frame
   c. long and narrow
   d. dome

4. Where did the Seminole settle?
   a. southern Mississippi
   b. western North Carolina
   c. northern Florida
   d. central Nebraska
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