

STUDY GUIDE: Migration to the Americas, The Great Civilizations & Election 2016

Study Questions

Migration and Early Civilizations

1. What are the names of four of the largest and most advanced of the early civilizations of the Americas?
2. How did the conclusion of the Ice Age and change of climate affect the Nomadic way of life?
3. What are the two theories on how the first humans arrived in the Americas?
4. List the evolution (three phases) of Native societies?
5. Why do you think prehistoric people moved from one place in the Americas to another?
6. How did the last Ice Age expose the land bridge?
7. How did agriculture change the way of life for early Americans?
8. What were some changes that affected the Nomadic way of life?
9. What is one theory that explains the decline of the Maya civilization? Unfertile soil
10. What became of the Maya?
11. Why did the Aztecs engage in human sacrifice?
12. How do you think the Andes Mountains shaped and affected the Inca Empire?
13. If you belonged to a neighboring group of the Incas, would you accept their rule or put up a fight? Why?

Other Topics of Note:

- When and who were the first peoples to reach the Americas
- Main way Nomads secured their food
- The effects of climate change after the Ice Age
- The effects of agriculture/farming
- Large mammals of North America that were prime hunting targets
- Early Nomad migration routes that led to the Americas
- Early Great Civilizations Timeline: 1200 B.C. - 300 B.C. - A.D. 250 -900 - A.D. 1300 - 1500 - A.D. 1200
- How did the Maya understanding of astronomy and advanced mathematics lead to some of the Maya's advancements?
- The Aztec capital city of Tenochtitlan
- The Inca Empire; Capital city, Most Powerful Emperor, Size of the empire, military structure, religion, farming advances

Election 2016

- The purpose and importance of Presidential debates
- Identify the two main political parties in the United States
- Identify the differences between liberal and conservative policies
- Identify the Presidential candidates for each party
- Identify where each political party falls on the conservative and liberal side of politics
- Identify which side of the issues each political party and candidate favors.
 - Pro Choice
 - Gun Rights
 - Economy/Taxes
 - Gay Rights
 - The Environment

Important Terms & People

Archeology

Artifacts

Nomad

Carbon Dating

Migration

Civilization

Theocracy

Hieroglyphics

Terraces

Culture

Conservatism

Liberalism

Democrat

Republican

Hernan Cortez

