

Lesson 1: Early Gatherers and Hunters

Directions: Use the terms in the box to complete each sentence with information from Lesson 1. Some terms will be used more than once.

artifacts	ancient	Clovis	hunters	Americans
archaeology	migrated	Ice Age	land bridge	archaeologists

- _____ is the science of studying past cultures through objects they left behind.
- Tools, weapons, and jewelry are examples of _____.
- Archaeologists are interested not only in _____, such as bone sewing needles, but also in anything else, such as bones left behind from a meal, that will give them clues about ancient cultures.
- An archaeologist's job is to draw conclusions about the daily lives of _____ peoples.
- Some scholars believe that early peoples _____ from East Africa to Asia and Europe thousands of years ago.
- About 70 years ago, human-made objects that were approximately 11,000 years old were discovered in _____, New Mexico.
- The _____ lasted until about 10,000 years ago.
- One scientific theory states that Beringia, now called the Bering Strait, became a _____ when the seas were low during the Ice Age.
- Scientists believe that _____ followed animals across the land bridge between Asia and North America.
- For years, scholars believed that the first _____ were the Clovis people of 11,000 years ago.
- Some _____ refused to accept the idea that artifacts found in Chile predate those they once believed were left behind by the first Americans.



Notes for Home: Your child learned about early cultures and how we study them.

Home Activity: With your child, make a chart with two columns. In one column, list artifacts that can be found in your home. In the other column, list what an archaeologist of the future might conclude about your lifestyle after examining these artifacts.