

The Earliest Americans

Multiple-Choice Questions – Answer Key

1. Mayan civilization developed in what is now _____.
 - a. Brazil
 - b. Guatemala
 - c. Peru
 - d. Texas
2. What term describes a complex culture, centered around cities, with people working at specialized occupations who operate under a complex government?
 - a. agriculture
 - b. civilization
 - c. Paleolithic
 - d. suburbanization
3. What group of invaders from northern Mexico settled on Lake Texcoco circa 1325?
 - a. Aztec
 - b. Ina
 - c. Maya
 - d. Olmec
4. The Mississippian culture created flat-topped mounds, such as at ____ in modern-day western Illinois.
 - a. Appalachia
 - b. Cahokia
 - c. Chicago
 - d. Springfield
5. Around 5,000 years ago, maize (corn) was first cultivated in _____.
 - a. Argentina
 - b. Mexico
 - c. Nebraska
 - d. Saskatchewan
6. What group is called the “mother culture” of Mesoamerican civilizations?
 - a. Aztec
 - b. Clovis
 - c. Inca
 - d. Olmec

7. What culture of circa 11,500 years ago, identified by its style of spear point, disappeared along with big game?
- Anasazi
 - Choctaw
 - Clovis
 - Hohokam
8. The ____ built towns into the sides of canyons, such as at Pueblo Bonito in modern-day New Mexico.
- Anasazi
 - Cherokee
 - Hohokam
 - Olmec
9. What large, planned city was built circa 300 C.E. in the Valley of Mexico?
- Guadalupe
 - Oaxaca
 - Teotihuacan
 - Tijuana
10. The ____ culture thrived in the Ohio Valley, where the people built large earthen mounds.
- Anasazi
 - Hohokam
 - Hopewell
 - Miami
11. What is the name of the ice sheet that connected Siberia and Alaska?
- Aleutia
 - Anchorage
 - Beringia
 - Russia
12. "Paleo" comes from the Greek word "palaios," meaning ____ in Greek.
- ancient
 - artifact
 - new
 - stone
13. The ____ culture was located in the southwestern American desert and used irrigation.
- Cherokee
 - Hohokam
 - Narragansett
 - Olmec