

Station N°1: The First Americans

Modern humans first appeared in Africa. They spread all over the world. But how did they reach America?

Today North and South America are joined together and separated from Europe by an ocean. But thousands of years ago it wasn't so. There was a land bridge called **Beringia** (Bering Strait) that connected America with Asia (see the map!). People could walk from Asia to America and they did not need boats to travel.



People in those times were **nomads** who followed the animals that they hunted. They also needed new land to gather fruit and berries. Over hundreds of years they followed the animals and travelled huge distances. At around **11.000 years ago** these people came to America.

These Indians settled all over North and South America. There were many different groups of Indians. The historians put them

into 2 groups:

1. **ENVIRONMENTS** (where people live) If the Indians lived by the sea then they fished. If they lived in woods or plains, then they hunted animals.



2. **LANGUAGES** (how people speak) There were probably about 200 different languages. The Indians did not write down their languages. So our knowledge comes from what the white people saw and wrote. Many white people did not like the Indians.

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Write true (T), false (F) or the answer is not given (NG).

1. The first modern human comes from Africa. ____
2. Bering Strait joined North and South America thousands of years ago. ____
3. We can still walk from Asia to America today. ____
4. Nomads are people who move a lot. ____
5. Nomads came to America because they followed buffalo. ____
6. The Indians, who lived in woods, ate only hunted animals. ____
7. Each tribe had its own language. ____
8. Indians liked to write books. ____
9. We know mostly what white people told us. ____
10. All white people thought Indians are great. ____