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Topic: _____ The First Settlers: The Lucayans _____

The **first** people to come to our islands were the **Lucayan Indians**. They spoke an Arawak language. They came from **South America** long ago. They were not very tall people and they painted their faces with bright colors. This was for **religious reasons**. They did not wear many clothes. The Lucayan mothers flattened their babies' forehead. They believed this made them beautiful. They lived in small settlements by the **sea**. The Lucayans built their houses from tree branches. These were called **huts**. They used dried grass and leaves to make the roof of their houses. They slept in **hammocks** which were made from wild cotton. Their foods were fish, fruits, and crops like yam, cassava, sweet potatoes, and corn. They also like to eat iguanas, hutia, and turtles. They got their food by fishing, farming, and hunting. Their favorite dish was Pepper Pot Soup. They were very peaceful people. The Lucayans were not fierce like the Caribs who lived in the Caribbean.

1. Who were the first settlers to come to our shores long ago?

- a. Bahamians b. Europeans c. Lucayans

2. Tell where they came from. _____

3. List four (4) of the foods they ate.

4. What are the three (3) ways in which the Lucayans got their food?

5. Tell how the Lucayans built their huts.

6. The Lucayan mothers flattened their babies' foreheads. Why did they do this? _____