

THE LUCAYANS

Name: _____ Date: _____

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.



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1. Who were the first people to come to our islands?

- a) Bahamians
- b) Europeans
- c) The Lucayans

2. Where did they come from?

- a) North America
- b) Africa
- c) South America

3. They spoke a/an

- a) English language
- b) Arawak language
- c) Russian language

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

_____ fishing, stealing and farming

_____ farming, shopping and fishing

_____ fishing, farming and hunting

5. Three foods that the Lucayans ate were

_____ chicken nuggets, rice and veggies

_____ fish, fruits and cassava

_____ fish, burgers and chicken

Instructions: Match the statements in Column A with the answers in Column B.

COLUMN A

1. Their favorite dish is
2. They slept in
3. Their houses were called
4. They painted their faces bright colors for
5. They made their houses from

COLUMN B

- a) huts
- b) tree branches
- c) religious reasons
- d) hammocks
- e) Pepper Pot Soup

Instructions: Choose if the statement is true or false.

1. The Lucayans hammocks were made from wild cotton.

True False

2. The Lucayans were fierce people. True False

3. The Lucayans flattened their babies forehead because it made them beautiful.

True False

