



Lesson 1:

Ancient American Indian Civilizations

I. True or False: Write True if the proposal is True and write False if the proposal is not true.

- _____ People have lived on the continents of North and South America for thousands of years.
- _____ The Bering Strait was a narrow body of water thousands of years ago.
- _____ Areas with mountains are often hotter and drier than low-lying areas with dry, hot deserts.
- _____ Groups in the Pacific Northwest had little need for agriculture.
- _____ Some groups on the large, flat grasslands of the Great Plains were nomads.

II. Fill the blanks: Complete the sentence according to what we have read in class. Use the word bank below.

Agriculture Pueblos Aztec Inuit
Civilizations Grasslands Florida

- When people began practicing _____ about 10,000 years ago, they modified their environment.
- In _____, there are organized systems of government, religion, and learning.
- The _____ modified their environment in order to live in it.
- The _____ live in the far northern part of North America where it is frozen much of the year.
- _____ left their cliff dwellings in about the year 1300 and did not return.
- The Chumash, who lived in present-day California, used fire to burn shrubs and _____.
- A group called Calusa lived on the _____ coast and used shells as a resource.