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Native Americans

Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, & Mississippian

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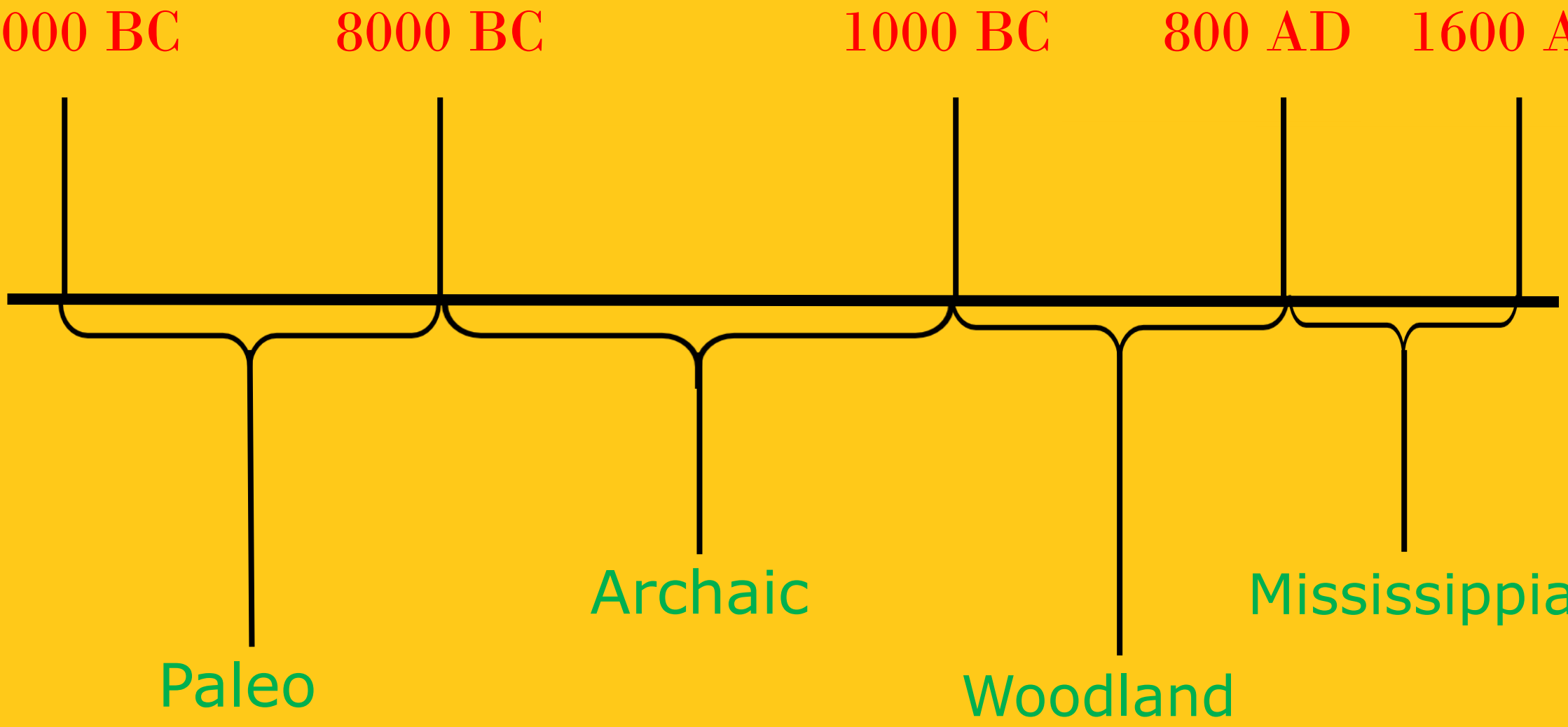
Native American Cultures



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Paleo

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Paleo Indians

- The first group of people to inhabit Georgia were called Paleo Indians.

- They lived in Georgia over 13,000 years ago, from 10000 to 8000 BC.
  - Paleo means "*ancient*" in Greek.

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Paleo Indians

- Paleo Indians were nomadic, meaning that they moved around in search of food.
- They moved from place to place in groups of 25-50.
- They lived in nonpermanent dwellings made in pits or shelters covered with bark and animal hides.

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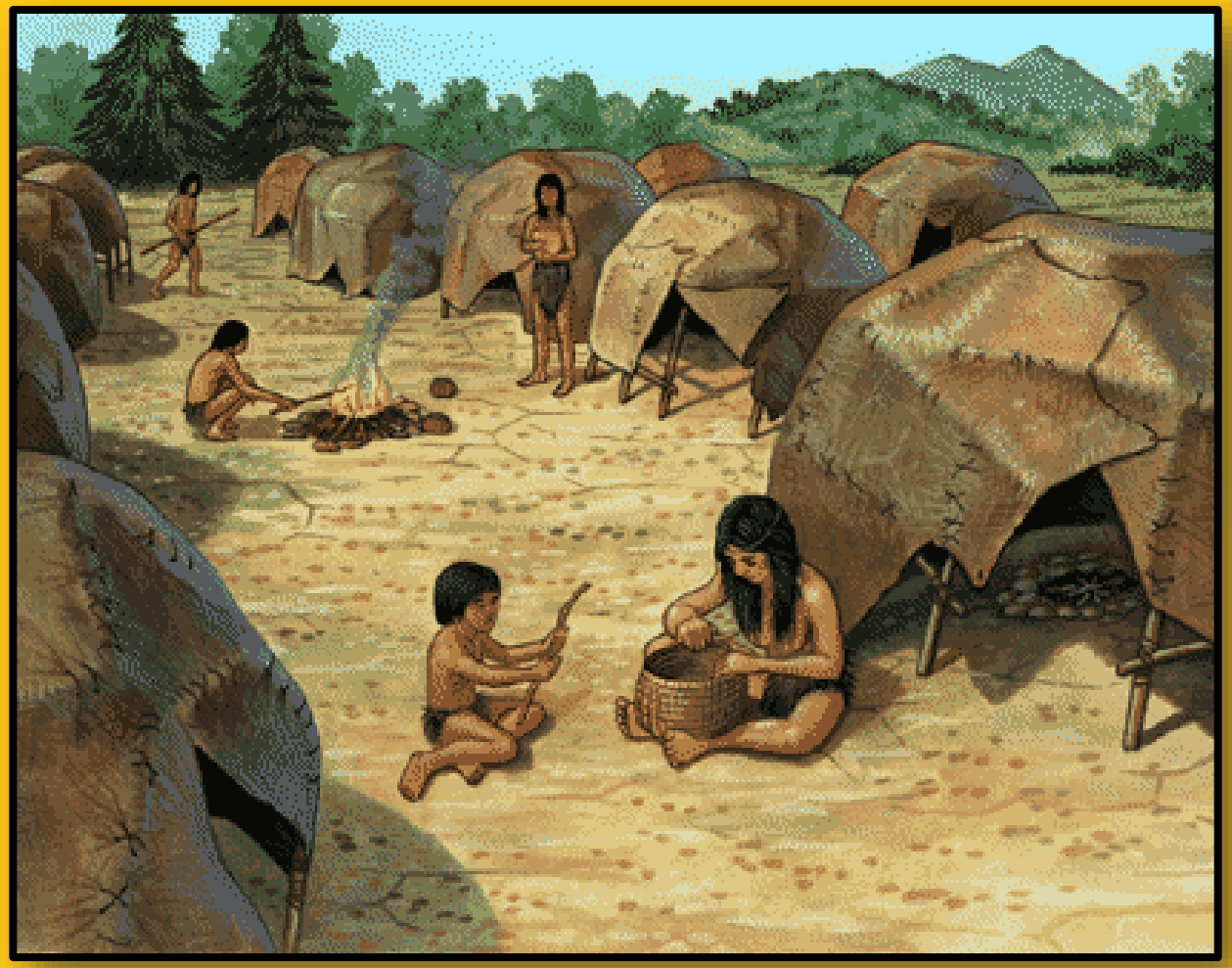
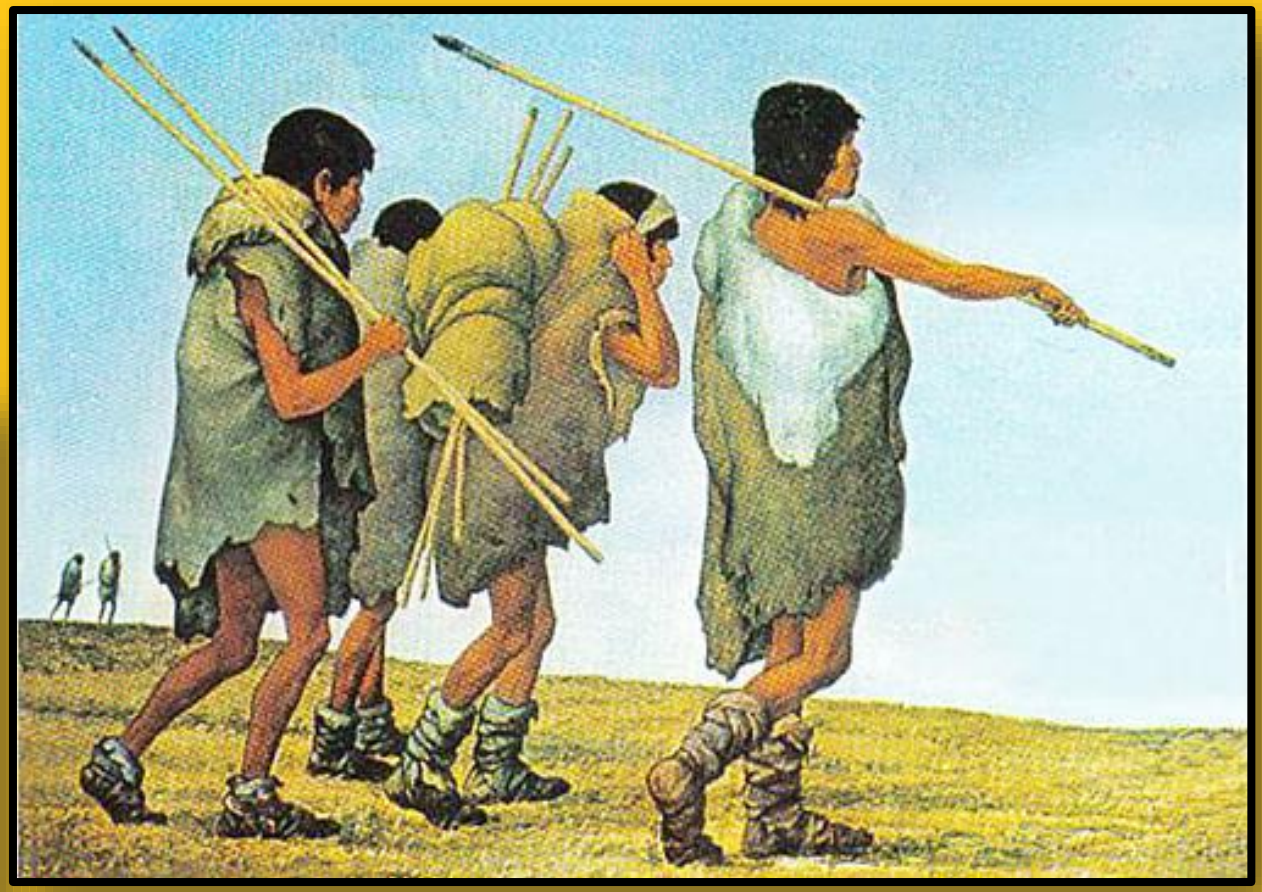
Paleo Indians





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Paleo Indians

- Paleo Indians were hunters and gatherers.
  - They hunted large animals like the giant bison and ate berries, nuts, and wild fruits and vegetables.
- They also used tools and weapons made from stone.
- Many stones that were shaped into spearheads for hunting have been found near the Savannah River, Ocmulgee River, and in the Flint River area.

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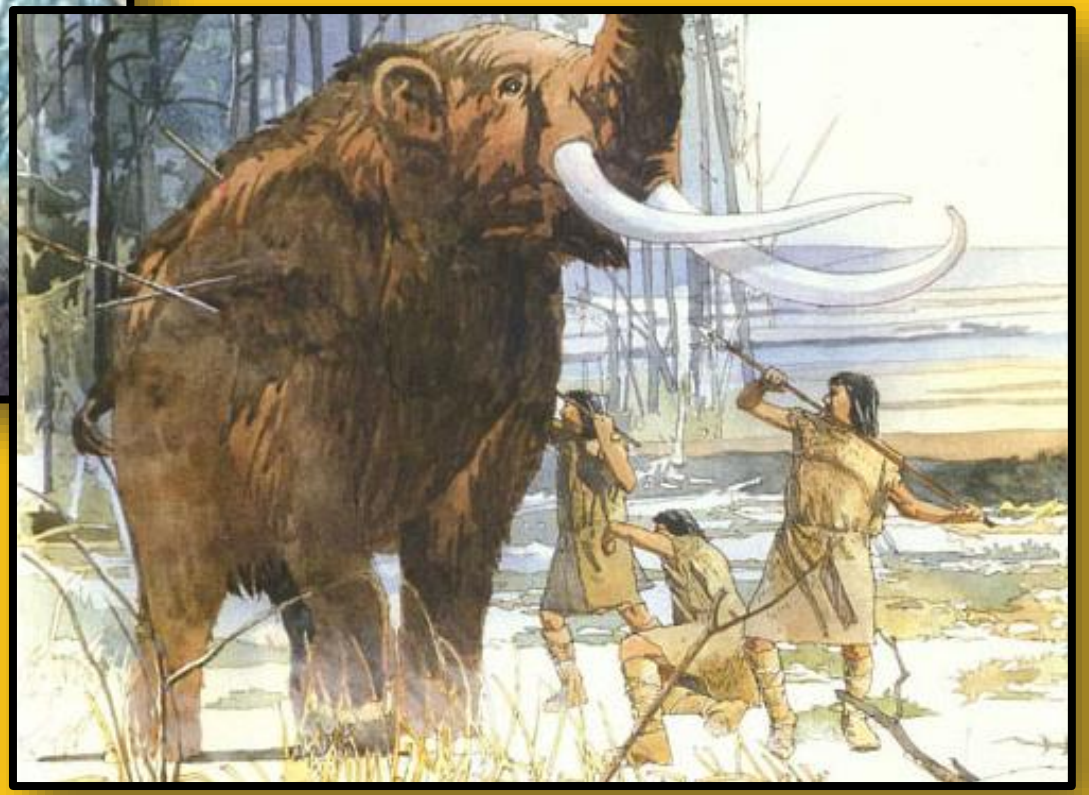

Paleo Indians

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Archaic

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Archaic Indians

- The Archaic Indians lived in Georgia beginning in 8000 BC until about 1000 BC.
- They built the first permanent settlements, but were also nomadic as they moved each season in search of food.
- The Archaic Indians created tools and weapons out of stone and bone.

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Archaic Indians

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Archaic Indians

- The Archaic Indians were hunters, gatherers, and fishermen.
- They hunted smaller animals like deer and rabbits.
- They also ate nuts and shellfish.

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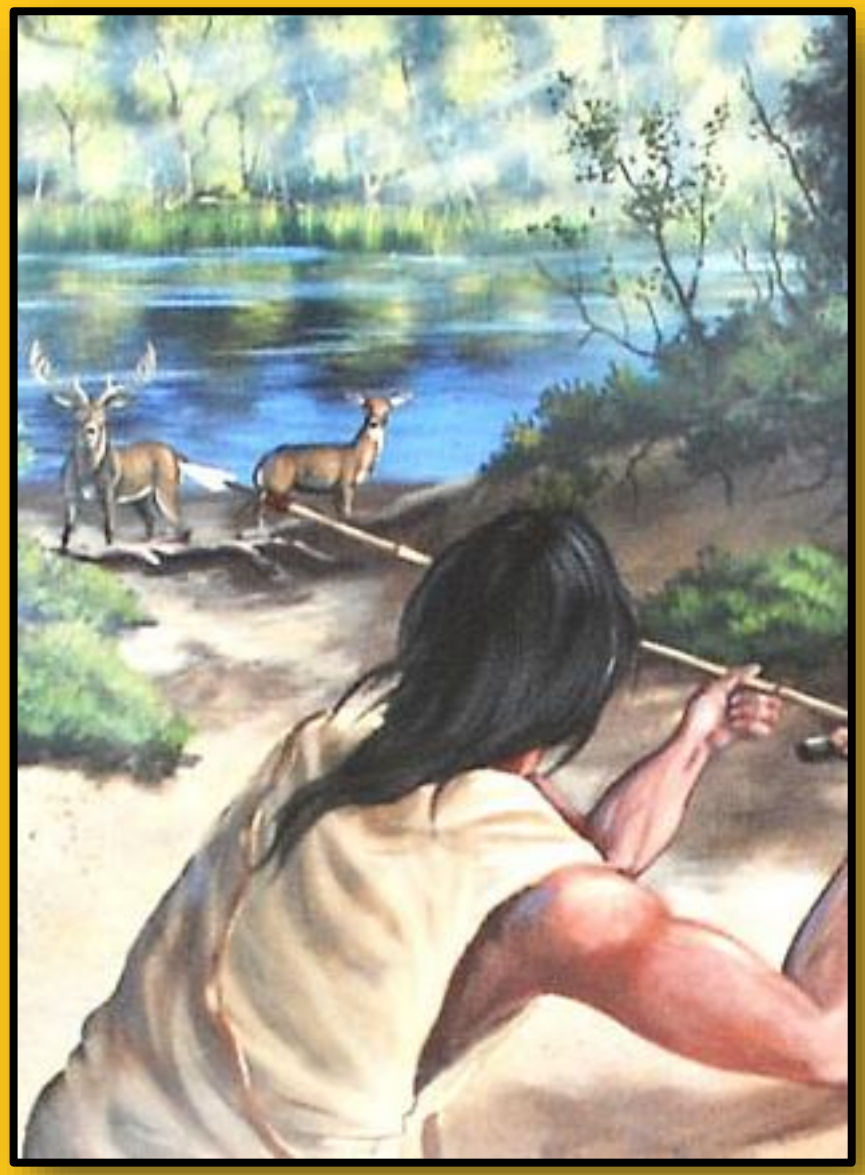
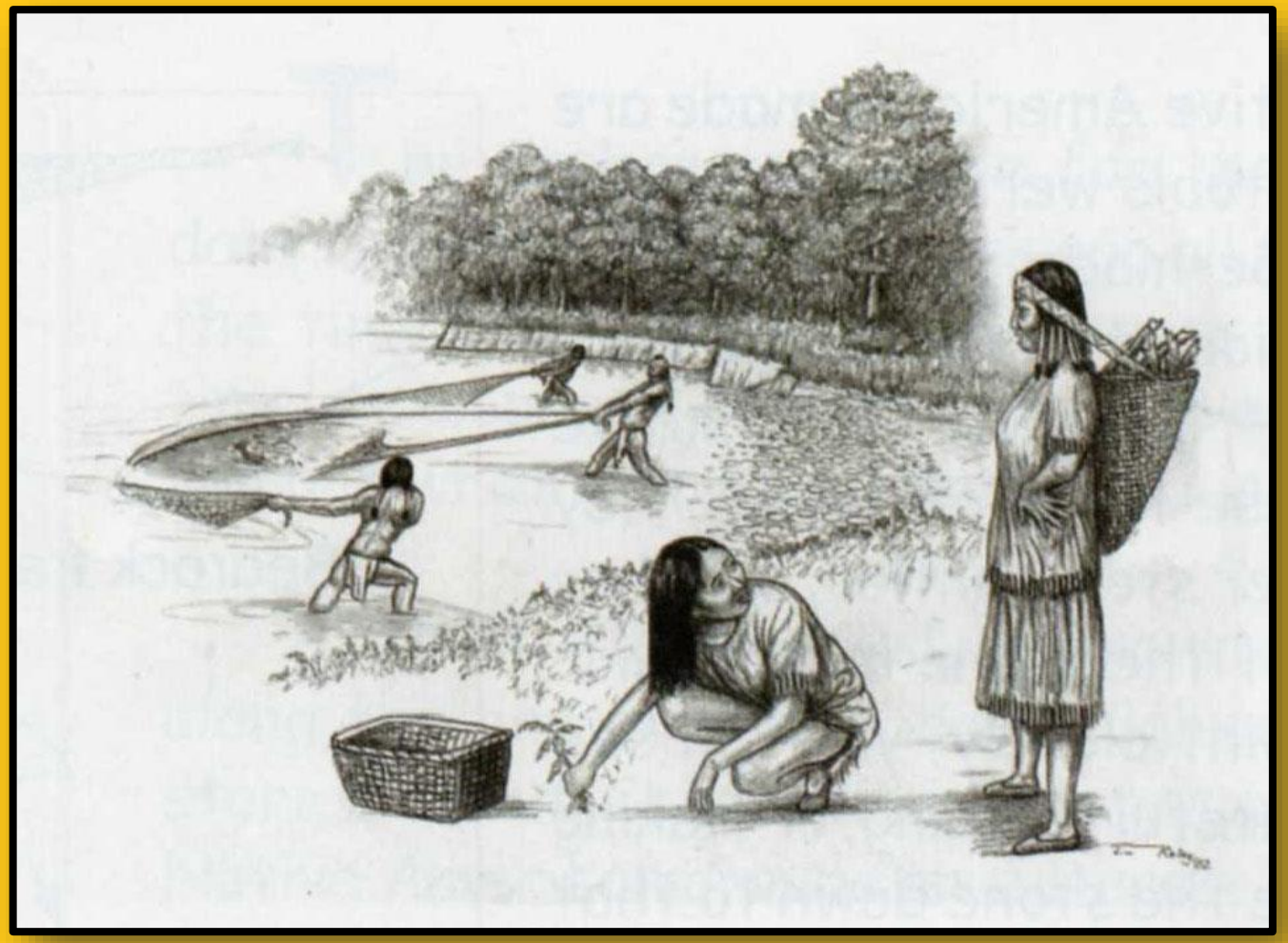
Archaic Indians





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