

GALLERY RESOURCE GUIDE

The Native Americans: Human Hands Touch the Land

Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, World Geography

Academic Standards:

Science: 3.2.6, 4.2.6, 5.2.2, 6.3.2, 8.2.8

Social Studies: 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.4, 3.1.6, 3.3.5, 3.3.11, 3.3.12, 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.6, 4.1.16, 4.1.17, 4.3.9, 4.4.1, 4.4.3, 5.1.1, 5.1.6, 5.3.4, 5.3.8, 5.3.10, 5.3.11, 5.4.1, 6.1.10, 6.3.13, 6.4.1, 8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.4.1, WG.2.4, WG.4.2, WG.5.5

Overview:

Discover the first settlers in the area of present day Indiana. Explore the gallery to understand how Native American culture changed greatly the past 12,000 years. See the tools and technologies that allowed Native Americans to take advantage of the environment around them. The discoveries of artifacts by archaeologists present clues to the beliefs, art, and diversity of Native American culture.

By the late 1600s, Europeans settled the region looking for wealth, success, and a new home. They brought new tools, technology, and ideas that reworked Native American way of life through interaction and trade, leading up to greater change after the approaching Revolutionary War.

Gallery Highlights:

- > **Coming to America:** Examine a variety of theories explaining how the first peoples arrived in America.
- > **Solving the Puzzle of the Past:** Learn about stratigraphy and dating ground layers through this re-created archaeological site.
- > **“Common Ground”:** In this video, archaeologists uncover a Native American site in Indiana.
- > **Building Base Camps:** As glaciers retreat, new plant and animal communities emerge alongside diverse human communities. Understand how Native Americans adapted to these changes through day to day activities and materials used to survive.

Key People, Events or Terms:

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| > Archaeologist | > Slash-and-burn agriculture |
| > Anthropologist | > Potawatomi |
| > Eli Lilly | > Miami |
| > Artifacts | > Shawnee |
| > Paleo-Indians | > Kickapoo |
| > Oral History | > Sauk Fox |
| > Symbolism | > Mississippian |

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- > Trade
- > Angel Mounds
- > Oliver Culture

Workshops, Lesson Plans, and Special Events:

- > Indiana's Native American education trunk
- > Diggin' Archaeology school workshop

Discussion Questions:

- > Ice age animals were still living when the first peoples arrived in Indiana. For various reasons, these animals became extinct, including possibly from human hunting. Name some of the reasons you would have hunted these animals when they were alive. Discuss some of the changes you would need to make for your own survival.
- > Discuss the different jobs or chores that Native American men, women, and children performed. How do these compare to those in your family?

