

Native Americans in Georgia

Archeologist

- Dig into earth to find *artifacts* that will tell us something about people who lived long ago.



Artifact

- Examples.....



Type of Primary Resource



Paleo 10,000 years ago

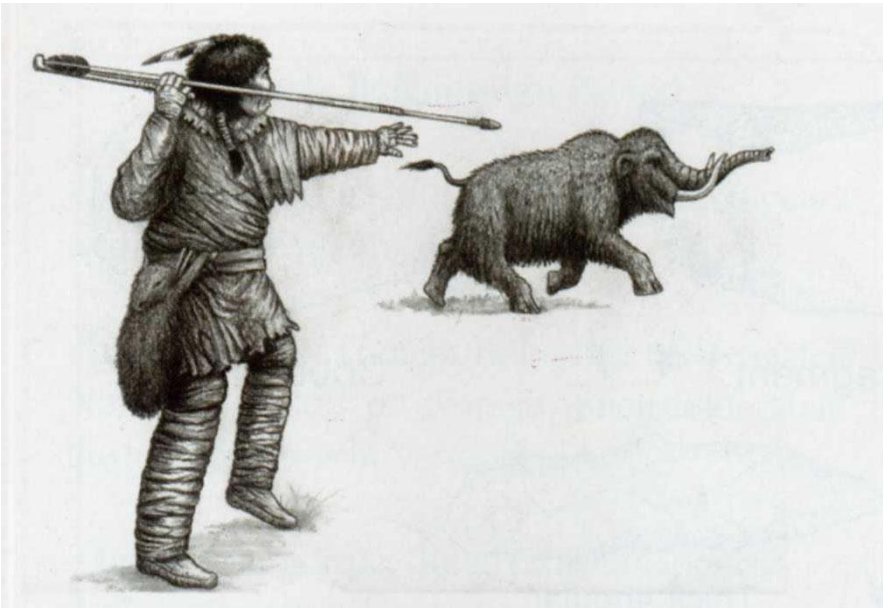
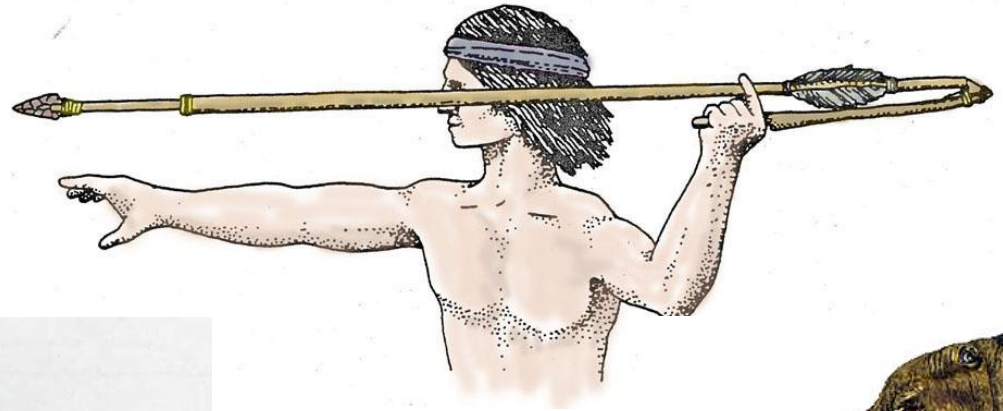
- Means “very old”
- Nomadic
- Did not leave many artifacts



Paleo

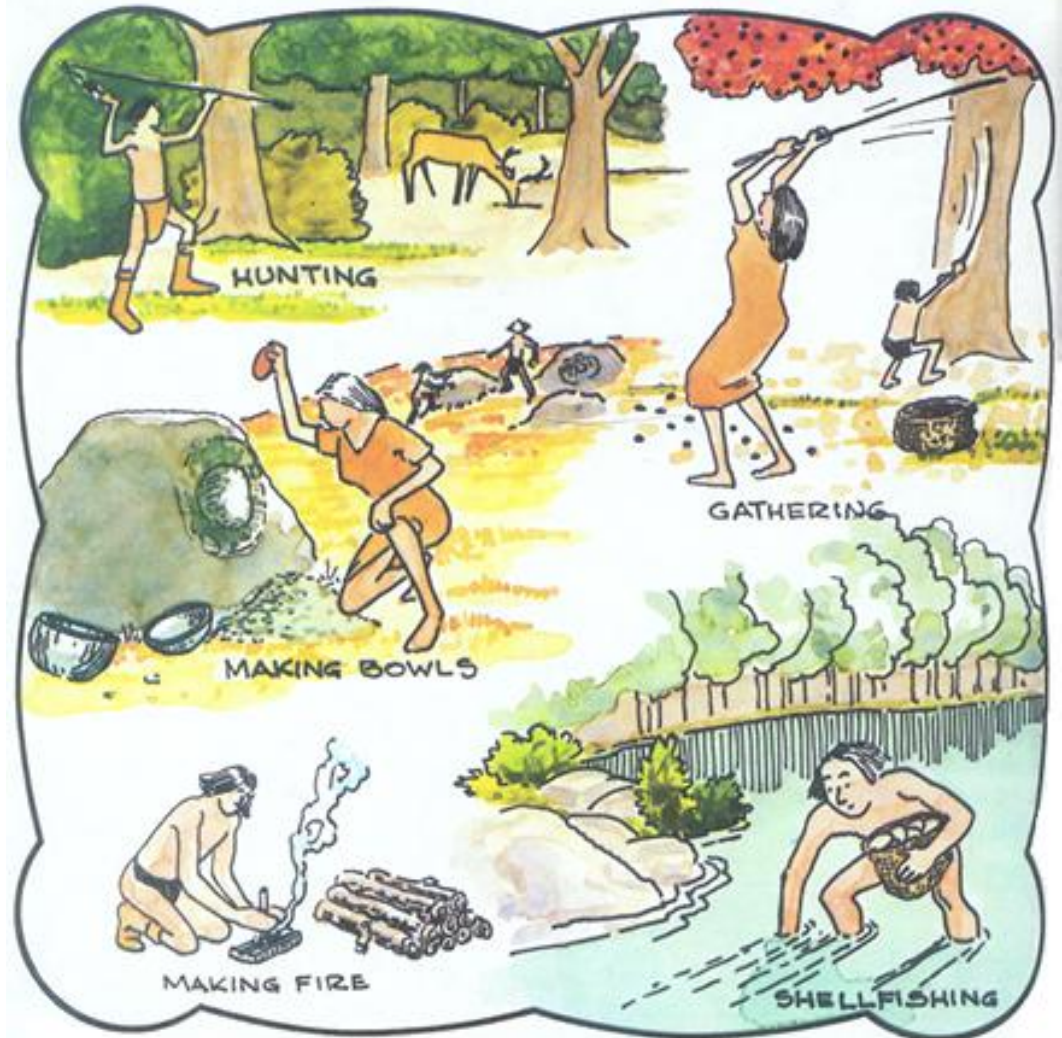
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Most tools were made from stone.



Archaic 8000 – 10000 BC

- Hunt smaller animals (deer, rabbit, bear)
- Started eating Mussels and Clams
- More permanent villages
- Used pottery



Archaic

- Used grooved axes to clear land for camps and horticulture. Saved seeds for different



Woodland 1000 BC – 1000 AD

- Several hundred families started living in **tribes**
- Built huts
- New crops: squash, wild greens, sunflowers



Woodland

- Bow and arrow
- Stronger pottery with designs
- Religious Ceremonies-
bodies found with necklaces, rings, tools...
- Belief in life after death?



Woodland

- Burial Mounds



Mississippian 700 -1600 AD

- Highest prehistoric civilization in Georgia
- Lived in villages, farmed and were very religious
- Grew most of their food- corns beans pumpkins squash



Mississippian

- More detailed clothing and
Elaborate hair styles.
- Feathered head dresses



Ticket Out the Door

- What artifacts will we leave behind?
What will these artifacts say about us?