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LEVEL 1



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Look!

The first people to come to North America came from Asia across what is now Russia and Alaska.

What names do the descendants of these people have today?



In the United States, Native Americans or American Indians; in Canada, First Peoples; in Mexico indigenas or indios. Most prefer to be identified by the name of their tribe or group.

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Neat!

The Maya, Indian people of Central America and southern Mexico, are known for their advancements in astronomy, mathematics, and the development of a yearly calendar. What was their major advancement in communication?



They created a hieroglyphic writing system.

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Really?

The Anasazi, better called ancestral Puebloans, built houses that look like our present-day apartments. How did these Indians get to the upper levels of their homes?



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By ladders

Fact!

Christopher Columbus, navigator and explorer, sailed west across the Atlantic Ocean searching for a sea route to Asia. What did Columbus find?



*The West Indies and the coast of
Central America*

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