

America before it was America

How did indigenous

Americans live and

prosper before

Columbus arrived?



Intro Pre-Columbian Natives



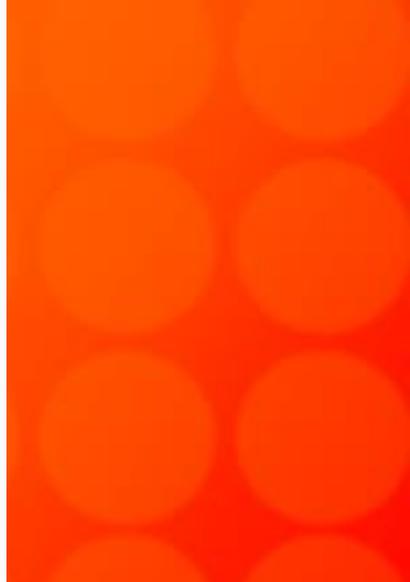
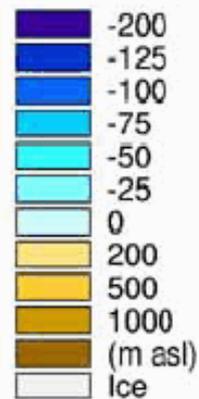
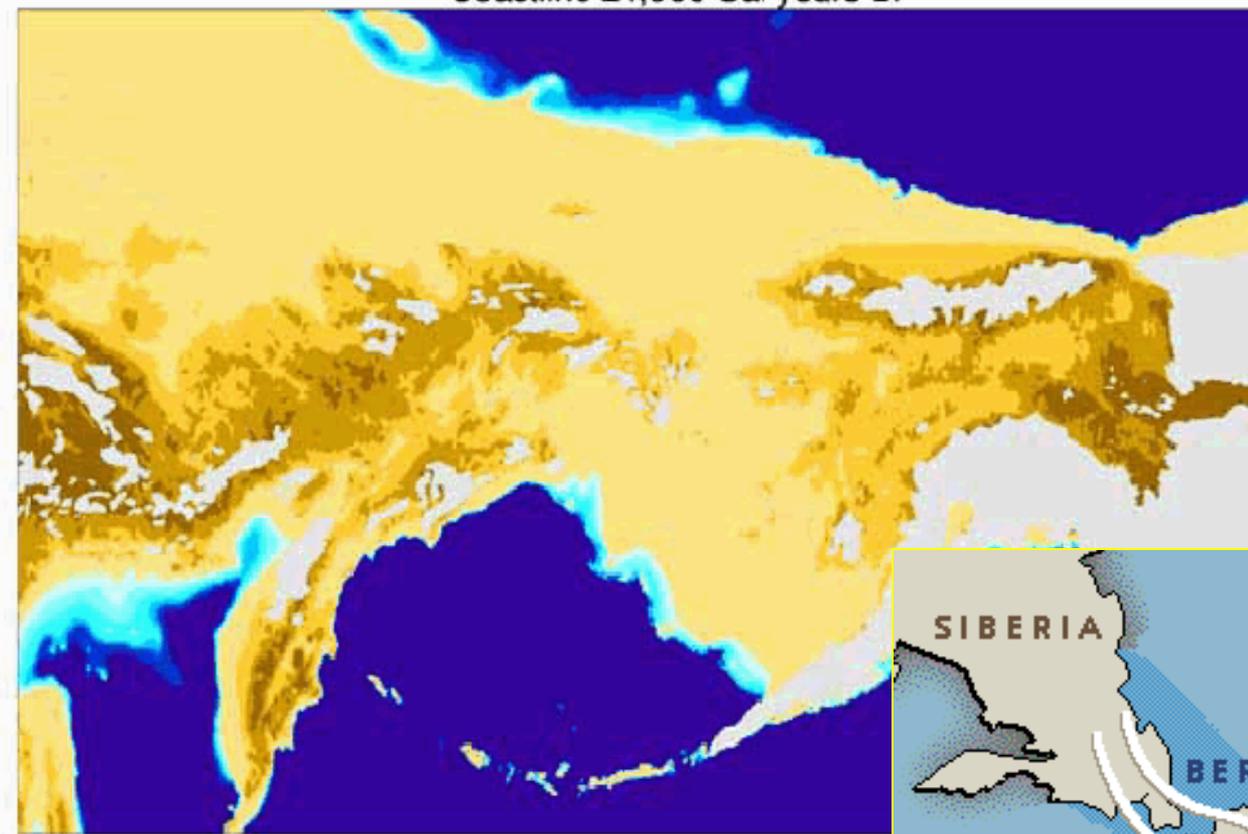
Origins

ICE AGE

Approximately 30,000 years ago

Barne Glacier, Antarctica

Coastline 21,000 Cal years BP



Land bridge
(Berengia)

Possible Migrations of the First Americans

0 1000 mi
0 1500 km



ASIA

NORTH
AMERICA

SOUTH
AMERICA

AUSTRALIA



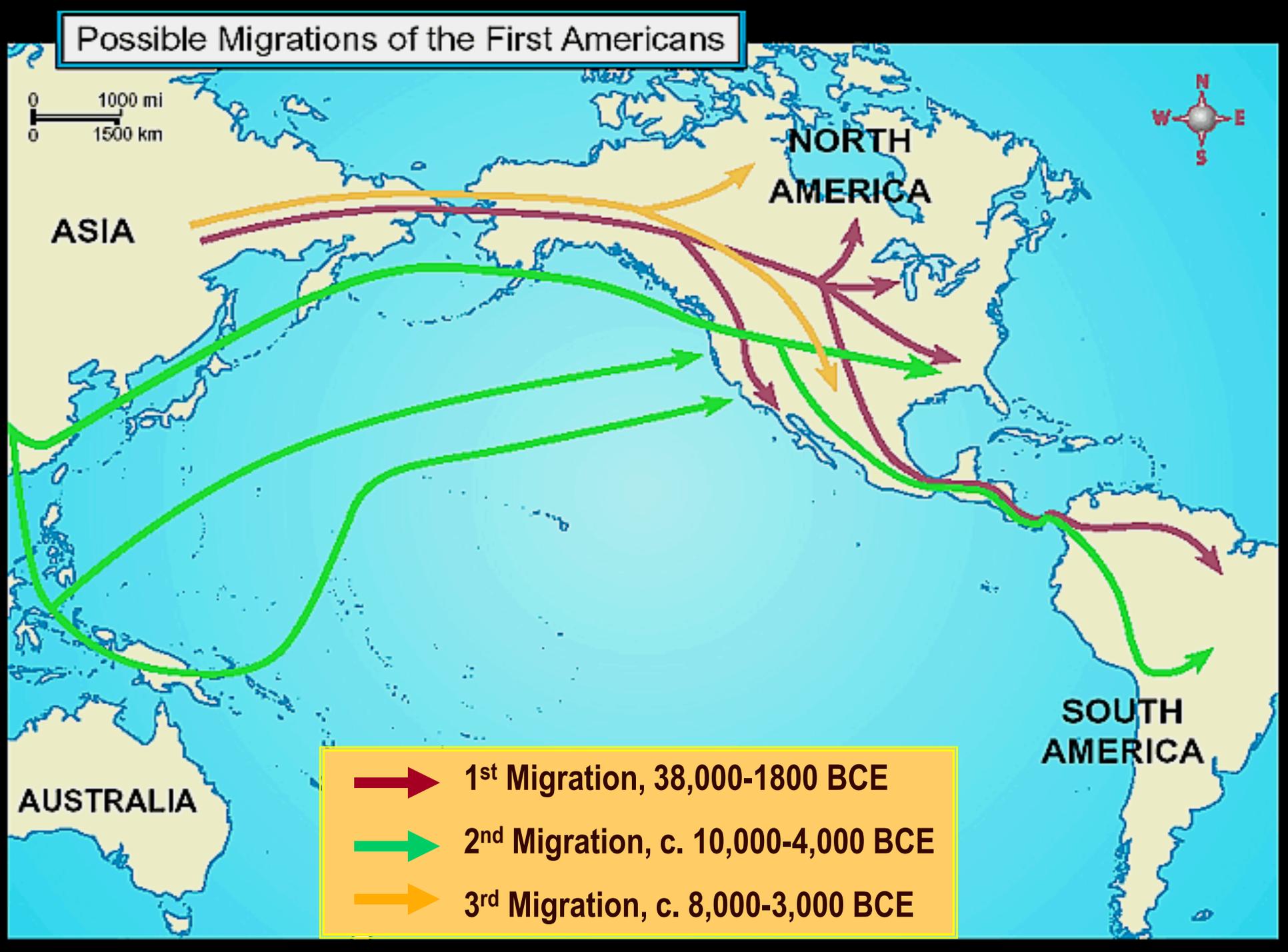
1st Migration, 38,000-1800 BCE



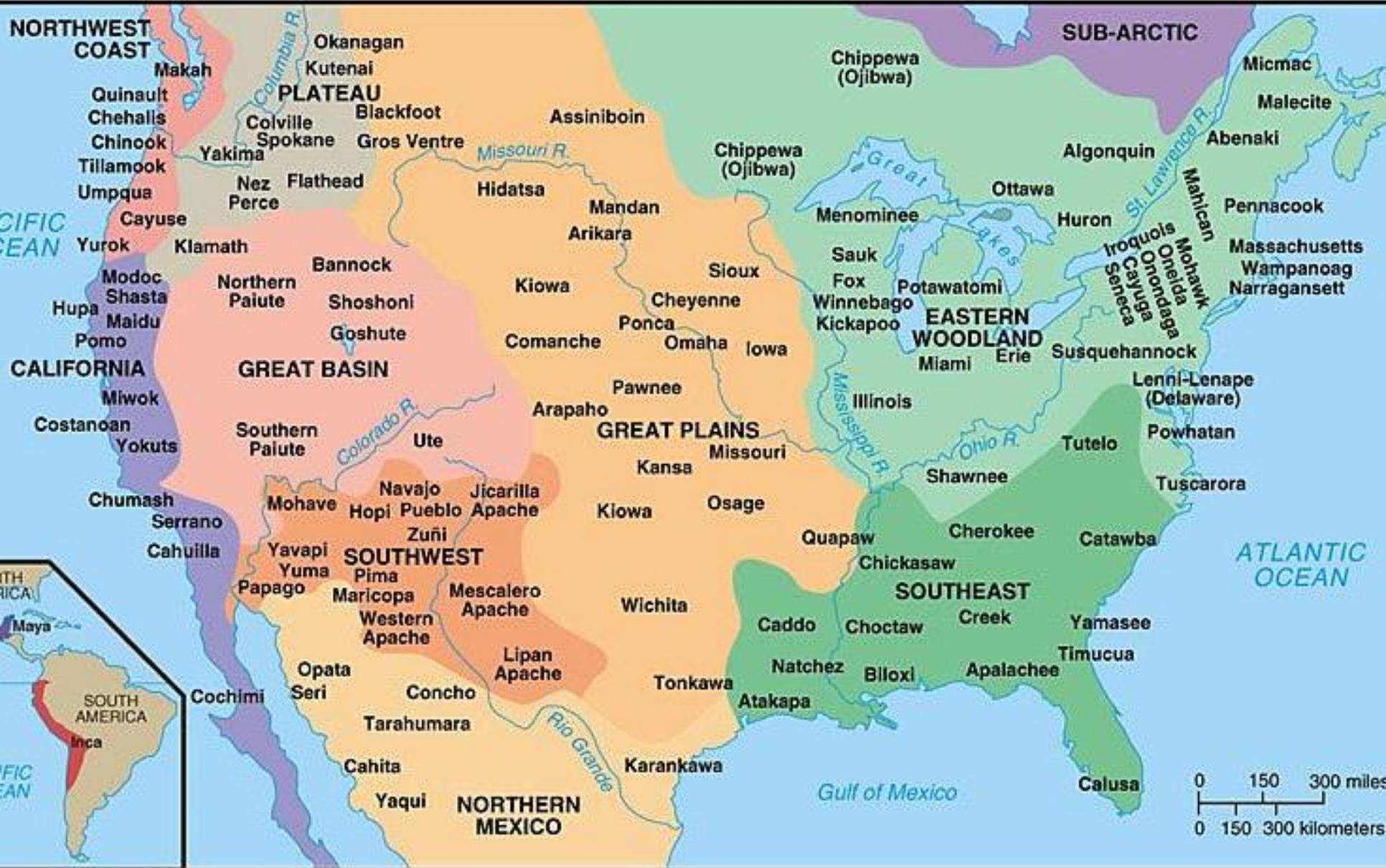
2nd Migration, c. 10,000-4,000 BCE



3rd Migration, c. 8,000-3,000 BCE



Early Natives Around 1600



Confederacies of Eastern North America



n Hurons-

-Southern Ontario near Lakes Ontario and Erie

n Iroquois-

-Central New York

n Powhattans-

-Chesapeake

Pre-Columbian Native Americans



Chaco Canyon, Anasazi Culture (predecessor of the Pueblos)





Exploring the ruins in Mesa Verde National Park

Wall of a Great House at Chaco



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Native Americans in the California Inter-mountain region were known as **gatherers**.

Minor Part of Humanity?

Las Casas (1542):

*“it looked as if God
has placed all of
or the greater part of
the entire human race
in these countries.”*

Sebastián Vizcaíno (1602):

“I have traveled more than eight hundred leagues along the coast and kept a record of all the people I encountered. The coast is populated by an endless number of Indians.”

**Small Part of
America's Story?**

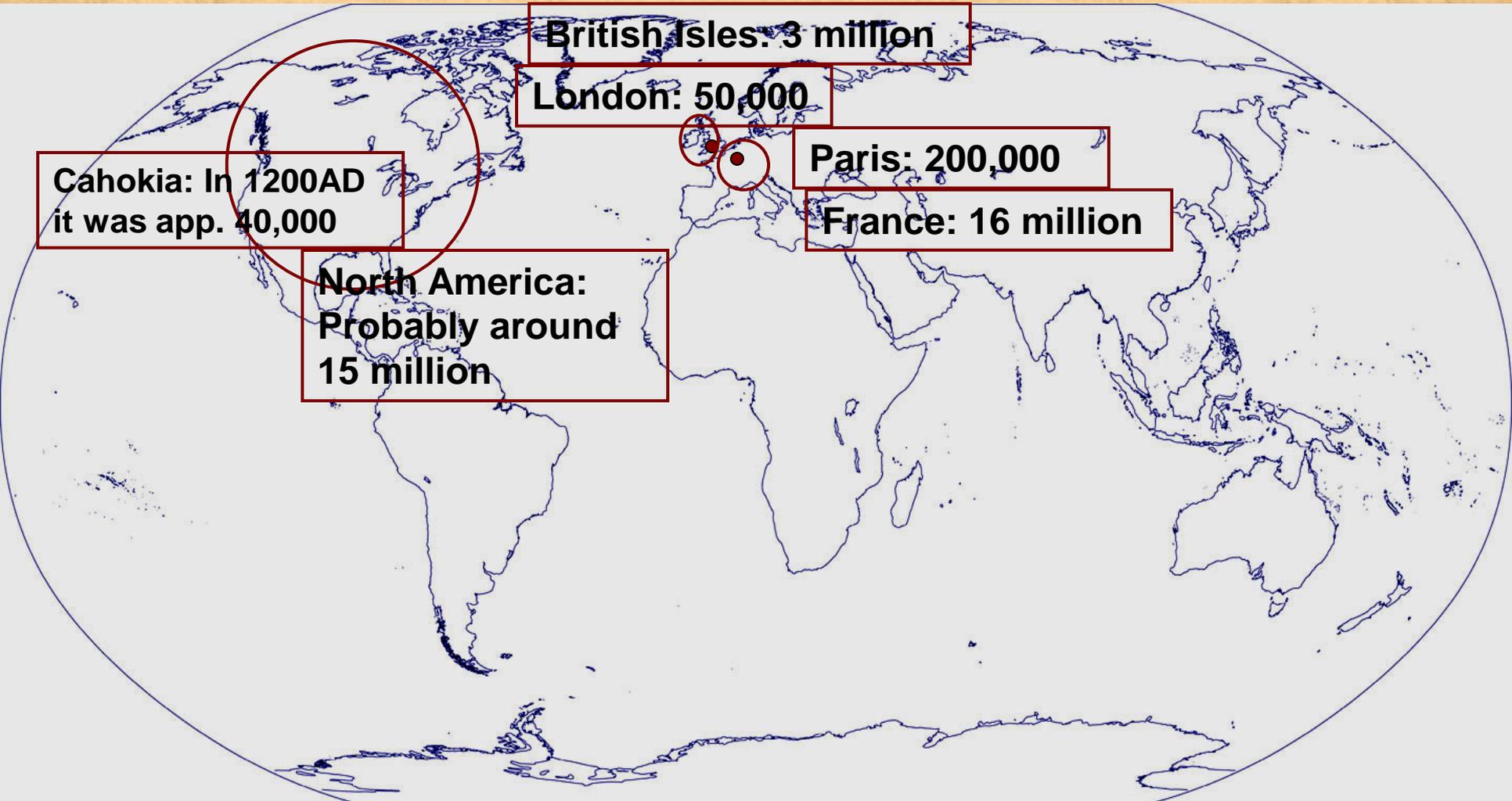
New England colonist (1630s):

“And the bones and skulls upon the several places of their habitations made such a spectacle” that the Massachusetts woodlands (were) “heavily urbanized (and) populations were wiped out.”

Uncivilized?

What were the populations of the following places in 1500?

- a. Paris
- b. all of France
- c. London
- d. all of the British Isles
- e. North America
- f. Largest City in North America



Cahokia Mound, Mississippian Culture

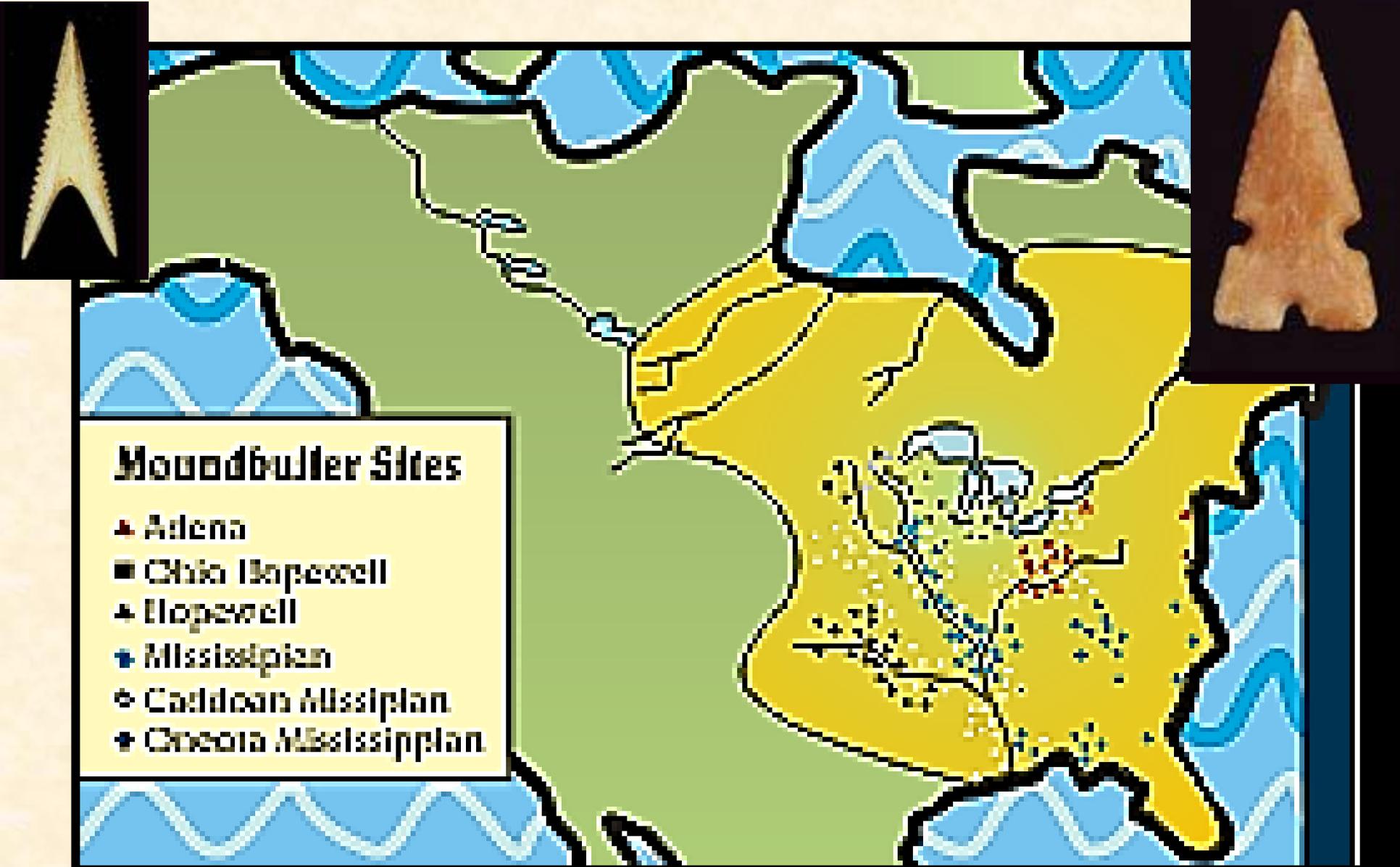


Largest was Monk's Mound: covered around 16 acres

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Cahokia Mound - Mississippian Culture



Moundbuilder Sites

- ▲ Adena
- Ohio Hopewell
- ▲ Hopewell
- ✚ Mississippian
- Caddoan Mississippian
- ✚ Choctaw Mississippian





Mississippians



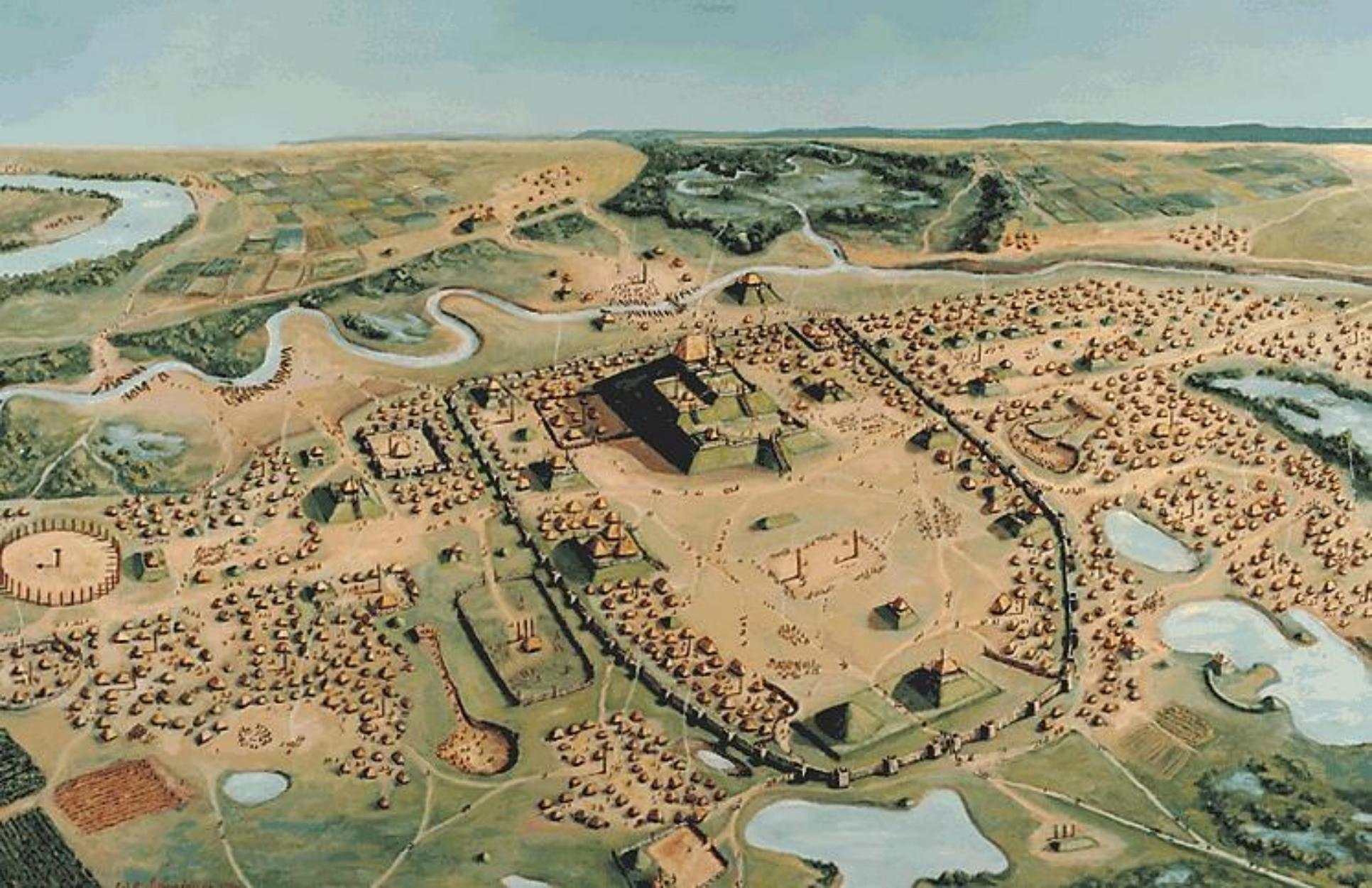
Mound Builders, including Mississippian

from about 3,000 years ago to the 1700's.

Miamisburg, OH Adena people



Mound Builders Cahokia in present-day Illinois.





Great Serpent Mound, Ohio

Fence around the city served as a calendar

System to know which crops should be planted.

- shorter shadows meant the coming of spring
- longer shadows meant the coming of autumn



Eastern Woodland Cultures

- Elsewhere, along the Atlantic coast of North America for example, Native Americans lived in smaller bands and supplemented agriculture with hunting and gathering. In some cases, women owned the farming fields, and men the hunting grounds.
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Eastern Woodland Indian Tribes



