

CONVERSATIONS ON SC HISTORY

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Lesson 2: The Prehistory of South Carolina

Focus Point: Native Americans

- Existed 12-15,000 years ago
- 40 Native American Nations
 - Catawba Nation
 - Cherokee Nation
- Names of River Systems
- Fishing
- Pottery
- Animals
- Permanent Settlements
- Language
- Importance of Fire
- Religious beliefs
- Indian Villages
- And their dead...
 - Burial traditions
 - Imported and childhood diseases
- Native American Women
 - Marriage
 - Authority and Power

Discussion:

What impact did Native Americans have on specific areas of South Carolina? How has the history of South Carolina been influenced by the early Native American Nations?

Readings:

Edgar, South Carolina, A History. pp. 11-20.

Paul Horne & Patricia Klien, South Carolina, The History of an American State. pp. 52-71.

South Carolina Social Studies Standards:

Standard 8-1: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the settlement of South Carolina and the United States by Native Americans, Europeans and Africans.

Indicator 8-1.1: Summarize the culture, political systems and daily life of the Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands, including their methods of hunting and farming, their use of natural resources and geographic features and their relationships with other nations. (H, G, P)

Literacy Elements:

- A. Distinguish between past, present and future time
- F. Ask geographic questions: Where is it located? Why is it there? What is significant about its location? How is its location related to that of other people, places and environments?
- G. Make and record observations about the physical and human characteristics of places