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1 In the passage, what was an important question for Europeans who came to North America?

- ☐ Did the land belong to Native Americans?
- ☐ Why did Native Americans own the land?
- ☐ When did Native Americans first settle the land?
- ☐ How did Native Americans build mounds on the land?

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2 According to the passage, how large were the biggest mounds?

- ☐ Nearly 70 feet tall
- ☐ One to two acres
- ☐ As tall as the Egyptian pyramids
- ☐ As large as a modest-sized Aztec pyramid

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3 In which shapes were the mounds NOT formed into?

- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Pyramids
- ☐ Stars
- ☐ Cones

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4 According to current belief, when were the first mounds built?

- ☐ In 1000 B.C.
- ☐ In 3500 B.C.
- ☐ At least 4,500 years ago
- ☐ At least 5,500 years ago

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5 According to the passage, where were the earliest mounds located?

- ☐ In the eastern United States
- ☐ Near the eastern state of Virginia
- ☐ In the southern Mississippi River valley
- ☐ In the midwestern state of Illinois

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6 Which of the following is NOT a theory about the identity of the Moundbuilders?

- ☐ They were the earliest ancestors of the Vikings.
- ☐ They were the ancestors of Native Americans.
- ☐ They eventually left and settled in Mexico.
- ☐ They were a race that simply disappeared.

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- 7 All of the following were interested in the Moundbuilder question EXCEPT
- ☐ Native Americans who migrated to Mexico
 - ☐ French scholars who wrote to Thomas Jefferson
 - ☐ people in high levels of American society
 - ☐ colonists who discovered the mounds

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8 The author mentions Thomas Jefferson's role as

- ☐ an anthropologist of the United States
- ☐ author of the Declaration of Independence
- ☐ writer of a book on French scholars
- ☐ founder of American history

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- ☐ A list of the citizens of Virginia in 1784
 - ☐ A history of Native Americans of Virginia
 - ☐ An official count of Native Americans in Virginia
 - ☐ A discussion of the question of the mounds

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10 Thomas Jefferson is considered the first scientific archaeologist in the U.S. because

- ☐ he wrote a book presenting the origins of the native people of Virginia
- ☐ he did research in libraries and archives with his contemporaries
- ☐ he worked to dig up a burial mound on land he owned
- ☐ he proposed a theory that Native Americans were capable of building the mounds

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