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Watch the video "From the Top" to get started exploring this exhibit. Why do archeologists call the earliest people in Texas Paleoindians? _____

ORIGIN STORIES



Shared Beginnings

Many years ago humans began moving around the planet from _____. Eventually, they came to North America and arrived in Texas.

Sacred Stories

One Caddo creation story tells how their ancestors were led to this land by the First Chief, who was called _____, the moon.

When Did People Get Here?

What is the difference between the 2 maps in this section? _____

How Did People Get Here?

How did people get to Texas? Explain why the answer is complicated. _____

A Texas-sized Discovery

How did absolute dating and relative dating techniques help scientists determine that people using Clovis tools were NOT the oldest Americans? _____



Learning More

What are some things young researchers are doing to learn more about Paleoindians? _____

A TIME BEFORE TEXAS

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ICE-AGE TEXAS

A Different World

What do you notice about Houston today compared to Houston during the most recent ice age?



Amazing Animals

Share a fun fact about an extinct animal that was living in Texas during the Ice Age. _____

Monsters and Mayhem

How do extinct ice-age animals possibly connect to many stories about monsters told by Native Americans across Texas and North America? _____



More Offshore?

Why have many artifacts and bones washed up on a beach in Texas? _____



Extinction

Scientists are still unsure whether climate change, a comet, or human impact caused the major _____ event that killed off saber-toothed cats, mammoths, and giant sloths.

That's Important?

Why do archeologists collect everything at a site and document specific locations of anything collected? Give an example in your explanation. _____



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DAILY LIFE

Essential Inventory

What were some tools used by Paleoindians? How did they use them?

(Not Just) Stone Age

Paleoindians did hunt _____, but the majority of their diet consisted of smaller animals and a variety of native Texas plants.



What Was For Dinner?

Explain how we know Paleoindians were hunter-gatherers and what evidence shows us what they ate.

Life Lessons

Native American _____ were experts in surviving and thriving in what we now call Texas. That knowledge was passed down through the generations and is still shared today.

Paleo Pets

Archeologists have discovered _____ around campsites that shows us that Paleoindians loved man's best friend just like we do today.

Written in Stone

How does microscopic evidence help archeologists understand the stone artifacts they discover? Use a specific example from the site to explain.

