

1. Use the blank boxes on the timeline below to show the order in which each of the following events occurred.

- First people set foot in America
- American Indians built cities with pyramids
- Columbus landed in America
- First humans appeared in Africa

Timeline of America Before 1492

The diagram consists of a horizontal line. Above the line are four small, empty rectangular boxes. Below the line are four larger, empty rectangular boxes. Vertical lines connect each small box to its corresponding large box below it, creating a timeline structure for students to place and describe events.

2. **Identify an EFFECT:** According to the reading, what effect did the ideas that America was a wilderness and American Indians came from Asia have?
- a. They made Europeans believe that they would not catch diseases
 - b. They made Europeans believe that they could claim land in America
 - c. They made Europeans believe that America was an “Ancient World”
 - d. They made Europeans believe that Columbus discovered a “New World”
3. **Identify a CAUSE:** According to the reading, which of the following BEST explains why the number of people living in America before Columbus grew as large as it did?
- a. The people ate healthy food and took baths
 - b. The people were peaceful and did not have wars
 - c. The people lived in longhouses and along waterways
 - d. The people had antibodies that prevented the spread of diseases

4. Place a check next to any of the following that describe a conclusion that can be drawn from the reading about America before 1492

___ there were more people living in America than in Europe

___ American Indians lived in a wilderness that was not very well developed

___ people lived in America thousands of years before Columbus arrived

___ people who lived in America called themselves Indians and their land America

___ Europeans were more advanced than American Indians in every way

___ American Indians now believe that they came from Asia

5. **Recognize POINTS OF VIEW:** Read the list of statements below. Then write TWO statements that describe an American Indian point of view in Column 1, and TWO statements that describe European point of view in Column 2.

- America was an “Ancient World”
- American Indians always lived in America
- Europe was more advanced than America
- Land in America could be taken because it was a wilderness

American Indian Point of View	European Point of View

6. Think back to the warm-up for this lesson. What ideas that you had about American Indians change as a result of this lesson?

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