

# Bellringer: D9

Write down what archaeologists do. How do they do their job?

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# Utah Studies

Utah's Native Americans

# Main Ideas:

Paleo

Archaic

Anasazi / AKA Ancestral Puebloans

# Paleo Native Americans

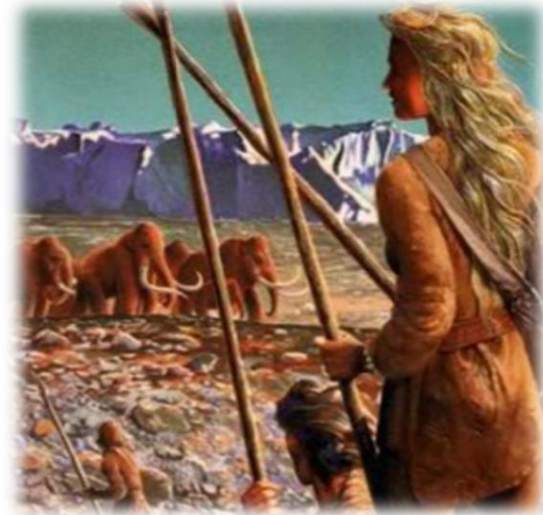
The earliest Native Americans to live in North America are generally called *Paleo Native Americans* / *Indians* or *Paleo People* by historians.

These people followed the large mammal herds that we have talked about, and hunted them with spears, like so:

However, they also likely gathered many other things (since you cannot survive on meat alone) such as seeds, berries, nuts, roots, etc. We have archaeological evidence that they lived in the Danger Cave at this time, as well as the Four Corners area, till about 5,000 BCE.

One traditional food item that Native Americans still gather and eat are *Pine Nuts*, often from Piñon Pines: [VID](#)

You can buy these today, but as they require a lot of work to harvest, they can be expensive!



# Archaic Native Americans

The next group in history that we are aware of is the *Archaic Native Americans*, or *Archaic People*. Archaic is a word that means **ancient**. They lived here from roughly 5,000 BCE to 300 CE.

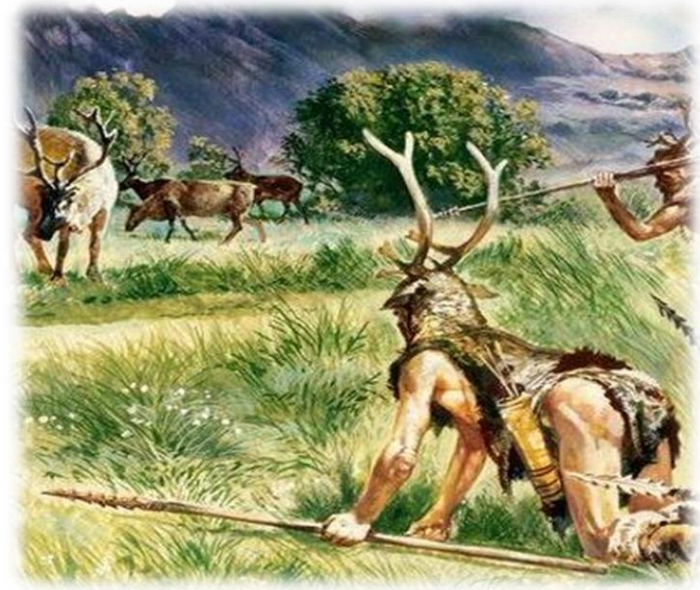
Like the earlier Paleo Native Americans, they lived all over North America, including Utah. In Utah in particular, due to the dry climate, they are also called here *Desert Gatherers*. They lived here for about 6,000 years (when other groups started showing up).



# The Desert Gatherers

The Desert Gatherers migrated around, depending on the time of year. In the **spring** and early **summer**, they stayed around **valley lakes** and **marshes**, hunting bison, deer, antelope, rabbits, birds, etc., while gathering roots/bulbs, seeds, etc.

In the **summer**, they'd move up into **mountain valleys & mesas**, where it was **cooler**. There they'd gather pine nuts, acorns, etc., while hunting similar animals and storing meat also for the winter.



# Dwellings, Tools & Weapons

Desert gatherers would build short huts to rest and sleep in, called *wicki-ups*. They provided shade, and were made of tree branches, sometimes covered in soil. [VID](#)

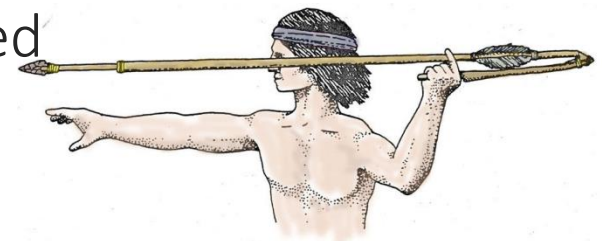


They use plant fibers from willows, sumac, etc., to make *baskets*, which could store food and other necessities. Some they could tightly weave, and then use pine sap or gum to make it waterproof, to carry water in. [VID](#)



Besides that, *plant fibers* and *animal skin* could be woven to make sandals, mats, rope, string and thread. Ropes could be used to make *nets* and *snares*.

One of the more impressive tools they invented was the *atlatl*, or a spear-thrower. [VID](#)



# Group / Individual Project

Read: Ch. 3, pp 50-54

HW Assignment: **Desert Gatherer Group Project** (up to 3 people / group)

Check out one of the following things we just discussed that the Desert Gatherers used and created! Do some additional research, and create one of the following:

**A Poster**

**A Powerpoint / Slideshow**

**Diagram, etc.**

Choose from one of the following for your project:

**Wicki-ups**

**Baskets / Basket Weaving**

**Other tools & objects (rope, sandals, etc.)**

**Pine Nut Gathering**

**The Atlatl**, etc. (if you'd like to research something else related to the Desert Gatherers, check with me and let me know!

Be prepared to **present for one minute** on **next Tuesday**! Bring your own computer if you want to show something on the projector (limited time means I cannot let everyone take the time to set up the computer again and again, etc.)

Have something concrete to hand in with your rubric! (slide show notes, etc.), and email me anything additional that you have!