

Mounds of Indian Mounds

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Understanding What You Read

Fill in the chart below with facts about each of the mound sites.

Effigy Mounds	Cahokia	Great Serpent Mound
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.



Tell Your Own Story

Imagine that you are an archaeologist. You are in charge of digging in one of the Native American mounds. Write diary entries representing a week of your work. Here are some questions you may want to answer in your diary: How was the site discovered? What did you find? Who is helping you? How long have you been working?



Vocabulary Builder

Synonyms are words that mean the same thing as other words. For each term below, provide a synonym.

1. glance _____
2. surprised _____
3. soil _____
4. estimate _____
5. require _____



Map Moments

Look at a map of the United States.

1. Find the approximate location of the three places mentioned in the article. What bodies of water would have been important for the Native American peoples living at the mound sites? _____

2. Which of the mound sites are west of the Mississippi?

3. Look at a map that shows time zones. If you are flying from California to Washington, D.C., how many time zones will you experience? _____
4. What are the names of the time zones, west to east? _____

5. Suppose your plane left California at 10 in the morning. It flew nonstop for five hours to reach Washington, D.C. What time would it be in Washington, D.C. when the plane arrived? _____