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North America

**Early Paleo-Indian** ***Years BP:*** 12200 *-*11000

***Location:*** Found throughout the non-glaciated regions of North America, and in the

mountainous regions of Mesoamerica and South America.

***Description:*** Nomadic peoples with an economy focused on the group hunting of

pleistocene megafauna. Lived in small bands, perhaps within recognized

***OAT code:*** 1001 ***OWC code:***  N034

**Late Paleo-Indian** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*6000

***Location:*** Found throughout the unglaciated regions of North America and Mesoamerica

except for the Arctic (see Paleo-Arctic).

***Description:*** Nomadic hunting and gathering peoples with an economy focused on big-

game hunting, but including a mix of smaller game and collected foods. Lived

in small bands, perhaps in recognized territories. Ends ca. 10000 BP in the

region of the contemporary U.S.; somewhat later (ca 7000 BP) in the northern

Plains; and ca. 6000 BP in the Sub-Arctic.

***OAT code:*** 1005 ***OWC code:***  N037

**Paleo-Arctic** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*6000

***Location:*** The non-glaciated arctic regions of North America.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunters of terrestrial arctic big game.

***OAT code:*** 1010 ***OWC code:***  ND60

**Late Tundra** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*6000

***Location:*** Aleutians, western and southwestern Alaska.

***Description:*** Early nomadic hunter / gatherers of the western sub-arctic tundra.

***OAT code:*** 1013 ***OWC code:***  NA45

**Northern Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*4000

***Location:*** The unglaciated arctic and sub-arctic regions of North America.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers of the western Sub-arctic.

***OAT code:*** 1015 ***OWC code:***  ND63

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**Western Arctic Small Tool** ***Years BP:*** 4700 *-*2500

***Location:*** Western arctic and sub-arctic regions of North America, but not central Yukon

and British Columbia, where a related but temporally and geographically

distinct culture, Northwest Microblade, is present.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunters with an economy focused on caribou and some sea

mammals. Ancient ancestors of historic Inuit populations.

***OAT code:*** 1020 ***OWC code:***  NA48

**Norton** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*1000

***Location:*** Western arctic regions of North America.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / fishers.

***OAT code:*** 1025 ***OWC code:***  NA50

**Thule** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*100

***Location:*** Western Arctic regions of North America, moving eastward beginning by 1000

BP, established across all of the North American arctic by 700 BP.

***Description:*** Prehistoric ancestors of the Inuit peoples. Nomadic hunter / gatherers living

much of the year as independent nuclear families, and with an economy

focused on arctic marine resources, especially sea mammals. The Dorset

culture in the eastern arctic regions of North America is gradually replaced by

Thule peoples beginning by 1000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 1030 ***OWC code:***  ND75

**Eastern Arctic Small Tool** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2700

***Location:*** Eastern arctic regions of North America and Greenland.

***Description:*** Early hunter / fishers of the eastern Arctic and Greenland.

***OAT code:*** 1035 ***OWC code:***  N050

**Dorset** ***Years BP:*** 2800 *-*700

***Location:*** Eastern arctic regions of North America and Greenland.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter-fishers of the eastern Arctic. Replaced by Thule peoples

from the western arctic beginning by 1000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 1040 ***OWC code:***  ND85

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**Shield Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*3000

***Location:*** The eastern sub-arctic region of North America.

***Description:*** Hunter / gatherers living in nomadic bands with a diverse subsistence economy.

***OAT code:*** 1045 ***OWC code:***  NC50

**Initial Shield Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*600

***Location:*** The eastern sub-arctic region of North America.

***Description:*** Seasonally nomadic hunter / gatherers with a diverse economy.

***OAT code:*** 1050 ***OWC code:***  NC54

**Terminal Shield Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 600 *-*150

***Location:*** The eastern sub-arctic region of North America.

***Description:*** Regionally distinctive and seasonally nomadic hunter / gatherers with a diverse

economy.

***OAT code:*** 1055 ***OWC code:***  NC58

**Northwest Microblade** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Northwestern Canada.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in the boreal forests of western Canada. This

culture is related to the Western Arctic Small Tool culture, but is temporally

and geographically distinct. May be directly ancestral to later Athapaskan

speaking cultures inhabiting the same region.

***OAT code:*** 1065 ***OWC code:***  ND45

**Proto-Athapaskans** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*150

***Location:*** Central portions of contemporary Canadian provinces of Yukon and British

Columbia and adjacent areas of central Alaska--the areas inhabited historically

by Northern Athapaskans.

***Description:*** Seasonally-sedentary hunter / gatherers of the western Subarctic.

***OAT code:*** 1070 ***OWC code:***  ND50

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**Eastern Early Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*8000

***Location:*** Eastern North America south of the Canadian Shield.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in bands with a broader economy than the

Late Paleo-Indians who preceded them. Used woodworking tools and ground

stone tools, and made some use of riverine resources. Overlaps with Late

Paleo-Indian in many areas.

***OAT code:*** 1075 ***OWC code:***  NN45

**Eastern Middle Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*6000

***Location:*** Eastern Woodlands of the United States.

***Description:*** Nomadic bands with a broad-spectrum hunting and gathering economy which

included riverine resources and the extensive use of ground stone tools.

***OAT code:*** 1080 ***OWC code:***  NN50

**Eastern Late Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*3000

***Location:*** Eastern Woodlands of North America.

***Description:*** Specialized adaptations to local resources are common among these semi-

sedentary hunter / gatherers. Long-distance trade in raw shell, stone, and ochre,

and some finished goods occurs as well as burial ceremonialism including

mound building and grave goods.

***OAT code:*** 1085 ***OWC code:***  NN55

**Eastern Early Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*2100

***Location:*** Eastern North America south of the Canadian Shield and east of the Great

***Description:*** Pottery-manufacturing hunter / gatherers with economies focused on localized

resources. There is the beginning of a reliance on domesticated plants in some

areas. Little inter-regional interaction and perhaps a strong territorial pattern is

present. Represents a continuation of cultural patterns from the Eastern Late

Archaic in many areas.

***OAT code:*** 1115 ***OWC code:***  NN60

**Adena** ***Years BP:*** 2600 *-*1900

***Location:*** Central Ohio River valley and adjacent regions.

***Description:*** Sedentary, mound-building peoples with distinctive burial ceremonialism.

Interaction was apparently intense among Adena communities, in contrast with

the apparent territorialism in other Early Woodland cultures. The economy is a

diverse mix of hunting and gathering. Status differences appear to be present.

***OAT code:*** 1120 ***OWC code:***  NP50

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**Eastern Middle Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*1300

***Location:*** Eastern North America

***Description:*** Represents a general continuation of cultural patterns from Early Woodland in

most areas, but with greater reliance on domesticates, a more focused

economy overall, and some regionally distinct cultural patterns. Most areas also

displayed greater political centralization than earlier cultures.

***OAT code:*** 1125 ***OWC code:***  NN64

**Hopewell** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*1700

***Location:*** Central Ohio River valley north to the Great Lakes and west to the Mississippi.

***Description:*** Politically centralized and sedentary peoples with elaborate burial

ceremonialism, partly relying on domesticates by 1800 BP. There is a distinct

settlement hierarchy in some areas, and extensive long-distance trade.

***OAT code:*** 1130 ***OWC code:***  NP55

**Northeast Middle Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 2400 *-*1000

***Location:*** New York, Ontario, Quebec, New England.

***Description:*** These sedentary peoples show some similarity to Hopewell, but built effigy

mounds rather than burial mounds, manufactured unique dentate-stamped

pottery, and did not rely on domesticates. Rather, their economy was focused

***OAT code:*** 1140 ***OWC code:***  NL54

**Eastern Late Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 1300 *-*500

***Location:*** Eastern Woodlands of North America.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary peoples with an economy focused on forest resources, but with

some reliance on domesticates later in time. Most appear to have a simple and

egalitarian political organization, but more complex ranked polities appear

later in some areas. Somewhat of a catch-all for peoples of the Eastern

Woodlands who were not influenced by regional cultural developments

***OAT code:*** 1155 ***OWC code:***  NN67

**Northeast Late Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 1000 *-*500

***Location:*** Northeastern portions of the United States and Canada south of the Canadian

shield.

***Description:*** Sedentary village horticulturalists, with subsistence substantially augmented by

hunting and gathering forest resources.

***OAT code:*** 1160 ***OWC code:***  NL57

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**Mississippian** ***Years BP:*** 1100 *-*500

***Location:*** Central Mississippi River valley from northern Illinois to the Gulf, and the Ohio

River valley and south throughout southeastern North America.

***Description:*** Sedentary, ranked or stratified, horticultural peoples living in large, planned

communities in major river valleys of southeastern North America. Practiced

extensive inter-regional trade and warfare. Were present during the early period

of European exploration of the Southeast. Ends earlier (ca. 800 BP) in the

northern range of Mississippian culture.

***OAT code:*** 1175 ***OWC code:***  NP60

**Oneota** ***Years BP:*** 1000 *-*230

***Location:*** The western Great Lakes region, south into northern Illinois and Indiana.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary peoples living in villages in riverine environments.

Economy based on a mix of horticulture and hunting and gathering.

Communal bison hunting was important for some communities. Political

organization varied from simple village headmen to chiefs.

***OAT code:*** 1180 ***OWC code:***  NP70

**Fort Ancient** ***Years BP:*** 1000 *-*200

***Location:*** Central Ohio River valley and adjacent regions.

***Description:*** Sedentary village horticulturalists living in ranked societies with a centralized

political organization.

***OAT code:*** 1185 ***OWC code:***  NP80

**Proto-Iroquois** ***Years BP:*** 950 *-*350

***Location:*** Western New York state and southern Ontario.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large, palisaded communities composed of

multi-family longhouses. Ranking and political centralization is present.

Ancestral to historic Iroquois populations.

***OAT code:*** 1195 ***OWC code:***  NM57

**Plains Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 9000 *-*2500

***Location:*** Eastern and southern Great Plains. Some parts of this region appear to have

been uninhabited for long periods of time.

***Description:*** Small nomadic or semi-nomadic band-level hunter / gatherers, subsisting on a

seasonal round of local plant and animal resources. Bison was an important

resource for some groups, but not for all Plains Archaic peoples nor for the

entire Plains Archaic time period.

***OAT code:*** 1205 ***OWC code:***  NQ50

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**Plains Woodland** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*200

***Location:*** Eastern and southern Great Plains.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers focused on creek-valley resources. Deer and

small mammals are important resources, and in some areas domesticated

plants gain importance. Plains Woodland culture appears to be influenced by

Eastern Woodland culture, particularly Hopewell. Pottery is first made on the

Plains by these peoples.

***OAT code:*** 1210 ***OWC code:***  NQ54

**Central Plains Village** ***Years BP:*** 1050 *-*150

***Location:*** Central and southern Great Plains. The central Plains seem to have been

abandoned around 600 BP.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary horticulturalists who lived in villages with large, multi-family

dwellings. Cord-marked pottery is characteristic. Most villages were in river

valley locations, and were occupied only part of the year. Communal bison

hunts were an important aspect of subsistence for some Central Plains Village

***OAT code:*** 1215 ***OWC code:***  NQ60

**Northern Plains Village** ***Years BP:*** 950 *-*150

***Location:*** Eastern and northeastern regions of the Great Plains.

***Description:*** Settled village horticulturalists living in large, multi-family dwellings. Villages

are located in river valleys and are sometimes fortified. Horticultural products

are important to subsistence, as are deer, small game, and bison.

***OAT code:*** 1216 ***OWC code:***  NQ65

**Early Desert Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*8000

***Location:*** Great Basin and desert Southwest.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers with a diverse subsistence base focused on locally

available and seasonal resources.

***OAT code:*** 1220 ***OWC code:***  NT50

**Middle Desert Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*1600

***Location:*** Great Basin and desert Southwest.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunters and gatherers who lived in mobile bands. Population

apparently expanded over those of the Early Desert Archaic, and moved into

more diverse environments. Some populations built semi-permanent villages

in lakeside or riverine environments, although even these peoples ranged

broadly to hunt and gather. Subsistence was diverse, and based on localized

***OAT code:*** 1225 ***OWC code:***  NT54

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**Middle–Late Desert Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*150

***Location:*** Great Basin and desert Southwest.

***Description:*** [eHRAF Archaeology combines the Middle and Late Desert Archaic traditions.]

***OAT code:*** 1227 ***OWC code:***  NT55

**Fremont** ***Years BP:*** 1600 *-*500

***Location:*** Northeastern portions of the Great Basin west of the Colorado River and north to

the Great Salt Lake.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists who moved into marginal horticultural environments

of the eastern Great Basin replacing hunting and gathering populations there.

They lived in villages with substantial, rectangular houses, made pottery, and

had a subsistence based on corn.

***OAT code:*** 1230 ***OWC code:***  NT60

**Late Desert Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 1600 *-*150

***Location:*** Desert Southwest and Great Basin.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, mobile bands adapted to the desert

Southwest. These were the first peoples in the region to use the bow and arrow,

and this apparently led to a considerable expansion of the subsistence base.

These were also the first people in the region to make pottery. They are likely

the direct ancestors of the region's historic Numic speakers.

***OAT code:*** 1235 ***OWC code:***  NT57

**San Dieguito** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*8000

***Location:*** Desert Southwest, Baja California, and along the western slopes of the Rocky

Mountains to Oregon.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers who made unique crescent-shaped stone tools and

used stones to hold down or reinforce the bases of their dwellings. Subsistence

was regionally diverse, but was focused on big-game animals.

***OAT code:*** 1240 ***OWC code:***  NS40

**High Plains Early and Middle Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*3000

***Location:*** High Plains and northwestern Great Plains region.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers. The first side-notched points,

pithouses, and stone circles (tent bases?) in the area are made by these

***OAT code:*** 1260 ***OWC code:***  NQ70

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**High Plains Late Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*1500

***Location:*** High Plains and northwestern Great Plains region.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers. Bison may have been an important

subsistence item for these people, as communal kill sites become common;

although there also appears to be great regional diversity in subsistence

***OAT code:*** 1270 ***OWC code:***  NQ74

**High Plains Late Prehistoric** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*150

***Location:*** High Plains and northwestern Great Plains region.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunting and gathering peoples. The bow and arrow appears to

have been first used by these people (based on the presence of small,

triangular projectile points), and subsistence practices change from a focus on

communal bison kills to one with a broader range of target species and more

individual hunting. Pottery is also first manufactured by these people.

Somewhat arbitrary beginning date, based on the appearance of the bow and

***OAT code:*** 1280 ***OWC code:***  NQ77

**Early Hohokam** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*900

***Location:*** Southern Arizona.

***Description:*** Sedentary village horticulturalists living in large pithouse villages. They

manufactured paddle-and-anvil pottery and built platform mounds and ball

courts. Practiced extensive irrigation agriculture. Time frame includes two

well-defined Hohokam periods, Pioneer and Colonial.

***OAT code:*** 1300 ***OWC code:***  NT74

**Hohokam** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*500

***Location:*** Southern Arizona.

***Description:*** [Combines Early and Late Hohokam]

***OAT code:*** 1303 ***OWC code:***  NT76

**Late Hohokam** ***Years BP:*** 900 *-*500

***Location:*** Southern Arizona.

***Description:*** Sedentary pueblo-dwelling agriculturalists. By the time of Spanish exploration,

most Hohokam villages appear to have been abandoned.

***OAT code:*** 1305 ***OWC code:***  NT77

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**Early Mogollon** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*1000

***Location:*** Central Arizona, New Mexico, extreme western Texas, and adjacent regions of

Mexico.

***Description:*** Sedentary rainfall horticulturalists living in villages composed of pithouses.

Manufactured coiled pottery. Encompasses three major Mogollon periods, 1,

2, and 3, and is commonly broken into several branches including Mimbres,

Forestdale, and San Simon.

***OAT code:*** 1310 ***OWC code:***  NT84

**Mogollon** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*600

***Location:*** Central Arizona, New Mexico, extreme western Texas, and adjacent regions of

Mexico.

***Description:*** [Combines Early and Late Mogollon]

***OAT code:*** 1312 ***OWC code:***  NT85

**Late Mogollon** ***Years BP:*** 1000 *-*600

***Location:*** Central Arizona, New Mexico, extreme western Texas, and adjacent portions of

Mexico.

***Description:*** Settled rainfall horticulturalists living in large Pueblos. A variety of pottery with

sophisticated designs was manufactured. Marked regional variation in

architecture and artifacts. Area was abandoned by the time of the first

***OAT code:*** 1315 ***OWC code:***  NT87

**Basketmaker** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*1300

***Location:*** Northern Arizona and New Mexico, southern Colorado and Utah.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists mostly living in small villages composed of small

pithouses. Pottery is not used, but sophisticated fiber baskets are characteristic.

Encompasses three recognized periods, Basketmaker I, II, and III.

***OAT code:*** 1320 ***OWC code:***  NT93

**Early Anasazi** ***Years BP:*** 1300 *-*700

***Location:*** Northern Arizona and New Mexico, southern Colorado and Utah.

***Description:*** Settled horticulturalists living in villages of pithouses early in the period and in

small pueblos later. Great regional variation in settlement, architecture, and

artifacts, but with a general pattern of elaborate black-on-white coiled pottery.

Encompasses three recognized periods, Pueblo I, II, and III, as well as several

sub-cultures, including Mesa Verde, Virgin, and Kayenta.

***OAT code:*** 1325 ***OWC code:***  NT95

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**Late Anasazi** ***Years BP:*** 700 *-*450

***Location:*** Northern Arizona and New Mexico, southern Colorado and Utah.

***Description:*** Large pueblo villages of up to several thousand rooms clustered in regional

systems of 10 to 20 villages. Commonly divided into Eastern and Western

Pueblo, with some separating Chaco into an entirely separate tradition.

Continued into the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 1330 ***OWC code:***  NT97

**Patayan** ***Years BP:*** 1600 *-*500

***Location:*** Western Arizona, extreme southern Nevada and California.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary horticulturalists living in small villages primarily in riverine

locations. Hunting and gathering remained important to subsistence. Ancestral

to historic Yuman-speaking peoples of the Colorado River region.

***OAT code:*** 1335 ***OWC code:***  NT64

**Windmiller** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*3000

***Location:*** Central valley of California.

***Description:*** Riverine focused, broad-spectrum hunter / gatherers.

***OAT code:*** 1350 ***OWC code:***  NS60

**Cosumnes** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*1500

***Location:*** Central valley of California.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary village dwelling hunter / gatherers. Economy

focused on riverine resources (especially fish) and acorns. Broad regional

exchange of goods.

***OAT code:*** 1355 ***OWC code:***  NS64

**Hotchkiss** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*150

***Location:*** Central valley of California.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary hunter / gatherers with economies focused on

intensely harvestable localized resources such as acorns. Extensive inter-

regional exchange and some status differences present.

***OAT code:*** 1360 ***OWC code:***  NS67

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**Early Southern California** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*3000

***Location:*** Coastal regions of southern California from Santa Barbara to Baja.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers with mixed economies based on plants and

shellfish and some marine mammals and fish.

***OAT code:*** 1365 ***OWC code:***  NS45

**Late Southern California** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*150

***Location:*** Coastal regions of southern California, from Santa Barbara to Baja.

***Description:*** Hunter / gatherers living in large, sedentary communities. Economy focused on

marine resources including mammals, fish, and shellfish. Long-distance

exchange and complex political structures present.

***OAT code:*** 1370 ***OWC code:***  NS50

**Early Sierra Nevada** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*3800

***Location:*** The Sierra Nevada mountains in California.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers subsisting primarily on big game and diverse plant

resources.

***OAT code:*** 1385 ***OWC code:***  NS70

**Late Sierra Nevada** ***Years BP:*** 3800 *-*150

***Location:*** The Sierra Nevada mountains of California.

***Description:*** hunter / gatherers living in villages in foothill river valleys. Some villages have

populations of several hundred. Regional and inter-regional trade is practiced,

and there are status differences present. War appears to be common,

especially later in the tradition.

***OAT code:*** 1395 ***OWC code:***  NS75

**Cascade** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Plateau region of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho in the United States.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter-fisher-gatherers, with an economy focused on salmon

during the Fall, and otherwise diverse.

***OAT code:*** 1400 ***OWC code:***  NR50

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**Tucaunon** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*2500

***Location:*** Plateau region of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter-fisher-gatherers with an economy focused on big game

(deer, elk, and antelope) and salmon.

***OAT code:*** 1405 ***OWC code:***  NR52

**Harder** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*500

***Location:*** Plateau region of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary hunter-fisher-gatherers living in large, multi-family

pit houses. Economy focused on big game and salmon.

***OAT code:*** 1410 ***OWC code:***  NR55

**Piquin** ***Years BP:*** 500 *-*150

***Location:*** Plateau region of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary hunter-fisher-gatherers living in large, multi-family

pit houses. Economy focused on bow and arrow hunting of a variety of game,

and on salmon during the fall. Ancestral to historic peoples of the region.

***OAT code:*** 1415 ***OWC code:***  NR58

**Archaic Oregon Coast** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Coastal regions of Oregon from the Columbia River mouth to California.

***Description:*** Generalized hunter / gatherers living in small, nomadic bands. Some use of

marine resources, but an overall mixed economy.

***OAT code:*** 1430 ***OWC code:***  NR60

**Formative Oregon Coast** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*150

***Location:*** Coastal regions of Oregon from the Columbia River mouth to California.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary hunter / gatherers living in coastal villages and

subsisting largely on marine resources.

***OAT code:*** 1435 ***OWC code:***  NR65

**Early Northwest Coast** ***Years BP:*** 9500 *-*5500

***Location:*** Coastal regions of northwestern North America from Alaska to Oregon.

***Description:*** Localized semi-sedentary hunter-fisher-gatherers with an economy focused on

marine resources. Diverse local cultural traditions.

***OAT code:*** 1440 ***OWC code:***  NE50

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**Middle Northwest Coast** ***Years BP:*** 5500 *-*1500

***Location:*** Coastal regions of northwestern North America from Alaska to Oregon.

***Description:*** Large localized populations of hunter-fisher-gatherers with economies focused

on marine resources. Considerable inter-regional interaction.

***OAT code:*** 1445 ***OWC code:***  NE54

**Late Northwest Coast** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*200

***Location:*** Coastal regions of northwestern North America from Alaska to Oregon.

***Description:*** Large villages of hunter-fisher-gatherers with an economy focused on marine

resources. Status differences and a chiefdom form of political organization is

present.

***OAT code:*** 1450 ***OWC code:***  NE57

**Aleutian** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*250

***Location:*** Aleutian Islands.

***Description:*** Sedentary hunter-fishers living in small villages with an economy focused on

fish and marine mammals, and manufacturing unique chipped stone and bone

***OAT code:*** 1460 ***OWC code:***  NA60

**Ocean Bay** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*4000

***Location:*** Kodiak Island and adjacent coastal areas.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunters with an economy focused on marine mammals.

***OAT code:*** 1463 ***OWC code:***  NA70

**Kodiak** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*700

***Location:*** Kodiak Islands and adjacent coastal regions.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunters with an economy focused on marine mammals. Had

unique ground stone and bone tool industries.

***OAT code:*** 1465 ***OWC code:***  NA75

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Middle America and the Caribbean

**Trincheras** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*450

***Location:*** Northwestern Mexico (Sonora region).

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary horticulturalists of the desert and coastal regions

of northwest Mexico. Interacted with pueblo regions of the southwest U.S. and

may have traded Pacific shell with them.

***OAT code:*** 1475 ***OWC code:***  NU77

**Huatabampo** ***Years BP:*** 1800 *-*500

***Location:*** Northwestern Mexico (Sonora region).

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary horticulturalists of the coastal and desert regions

of the Sonora region of northwestern Mexico.

***OAT code:*** 1480 ***OWC code:***  NU75

**Coahuila** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*500

***Location:*** Northeastern Mexico, southern Texas.

***Description:*** Nomadic, desert-dwelling hunter / gatherers with a very low population density.

***OAT code:*** 1485 ***OWC code:***  NU80

**Early Mesoamerican Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 9600 *-*7000

***Location:*** Mesoamerica.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers subsisting on localized, seasonal resources.

***OAT code:*** 1505 ***OWC code:***  NY30

**Highland Mesoamerican Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*4000

***Location:*** Highland Mesoamerica.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / gatherers with some domesticated plants used

seasonally. Reliance on domesticates increases during this tradition, as does

***OAT code:*** 1510 ***OWC code:***  NY40

**Lowland Mesoamerican Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*3800

***Location:*** Lowland Mesoamerica in Belize and Mexico.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / gatherers with some domesticated plants used

seasonally. Reliance on domesticates increases during this tradition, as does

***OAT code:*** 1512 ***OWC code:***  NY50

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**Highland Mesoamerican Early Preclassic** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2600

***Location:*** Highland Mesoamerica.

***Description:*** Sedentary village horticulturalists with a simple, decentralized political

***OAT code:*** 1515 ***OWC code:***  NY41

**Highland Mesoamerican Late Preclassic** ***Years BP:*** 2600 *-*1600

***Location:*** Highland Mesoamerica.

***Description:*** Sedentary village horticulturalists living in politically centralized societies.

Some urban centers are present late in this tradition. Ranking and / or

stratification is present.

***OAT code:*** 1520 ***OWC code:***  NY42

**Preclassic Maya** ***Years BP:*** 3800 *-*1850

***Location:*** Lowland Mesoamerica in Mexico, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica,

and Guatemala.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists living in villages and small cities. Political

centralization increases during the period. Ranking and / or stratification is

***OAT code:*** 1522 ***OWC code:***  NY52

**Olmec** ***Years BP:*** 3400 *-*2100

***Location:*** Gulf Coast of Mexico east of Veracruz to near the southern edge of Yucatan.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists of the Gulf Coast. Political and religious centers

present. Unique iconography and artifact styles appear and spread across

central Mesoamerica.

***OAT code:*** 1525 ***OWC code:***  NU95

**West Mexico Classic** ***Years BP:*** 1800 *-*1100

***Location:*** Western Mexico.

***Description:*** Regional states of highly varying size and political centralization, but with

widely shared iconography and artifact styles.

***OAT code:*** 1530 ***OWC code:***  NU78

**Southern Mexican Highlands Classic** ***Years BP:*** 1700 *-*1300

***Location:*** Valley of Oaxaca and surrounding highland valleys of southern Mexico.

***Description:*** Large, regional states of highland Mexico.

***OAT code:*** 1535 ***OWC code:***  NU85

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**Central Mexico Classic** ***Years BP:*** 2150 *-*1350

***Location:*** Valley of Mexico and surrounding highland valleys in north-central Mexico.

***Description:*** Large, regional states of highland Mexico.

***OAT code:*** 1540 ***OWC code:***  NU92

**Gulf Coast Classic** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*800

***Location:*** Gulf Coast of Mesoamerica.

***Description:*** Localized states with a common iconography and artifact style.

***OAT code:*** 1545 ***OWC code:***  NU98

**Classic Maya** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*1100

***Location:*** Lowland Mesoamerica in Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and El

***Description:*** Localized but interacting states based on sophisticated lowland agriculture.

***OAT code:*** 1550 ***OWC code:***  NY53

**Postclassic Maya** ***Years BP:*** 1100 *-*400

***Location:*** Lowland Mesoamerica in Honduras, Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala.

***Description:*** Small militaristic states.

***OAT code:*** 1560 ***OWC code:***  NY54

**West Mexico Postclassic** ***Years BP:*** 1100 *-*480

***Location:*** Western Mexico.

***Description:*** Small, militaristic regional states, many unified by the Tarascan empire.

***OAT code:*** 1565 ***OWC code:***  NU76

**Central Mexico Postclassic** ***Years BP:*** 1300 *-*479

***Location:*** Central highland Mexico.

***Description:*** Large regional states which conquered and unified many smaller city-states in

highland Mexico.

***OAT code:*** 1570 ***OWC code:***  NU93

**Southern Mexican Highlands Postclassic** ***Years BP:*** 1300 *-*430

***Location:*** Valley of Oaxaca and surrounding highland valleys of southern Mexico.

***Description:*** Small, militaristic regional states.

***OAT code:*** 1575 ***OWC code:***  NU87

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**Early Caribbean** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*1000

***Location:*** Coastal Colombia and Venezuela, islands of the West Indies.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists maintaining a diverse economy including collected

plants, fish, and shellfish. Manufactured the first pottery in the region.

***OAT code:*** 2040 ***OWC code:***  S045

**Late Caribbean** ***Years BP:*** 1000 *-*500

***Location:*** Coastal Colombia and Venezuela, islands of the West Indies.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in politically centralized societies

with ranking or stratification.

***OAT code:*** 2045 ***OWC code:***  S051

**Coclé** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*400

***Location:*** Southern Panama.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in large villages with a complex

political organization, likely a chiefdom.

***OAT code:*** 2145 ***OWC code:***  SB65

**Chiriquí** ***Years BP:*** 1200 *-*500

***Location:*** Southwestern Panama, southern Costa Rica.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in large villages with a complex

political organization, likely a chiefdom.

***OAT code:*** 2150 ***OWC code:***  SA85

**Paya** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*500

***Location:*** Eastern Nicaragua, eastern Honduras.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary horticulturalists living in large villages, some with mounds

reminiscent of the Maya region.

***OAT code:*** 2155 ***OWC code:***  SA65

**Nicoya** ***Years BP:*** 3600 *-*500

***Location:*** Western Nicaragua, northwestern Costa Rica.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists living in large villages with centralized political

organization.

***OAT code:*** 2160 ***OWC code:***  SA75

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South America

**Old South American Hunting-Collecting** ***Years BP:*** 13000 *-*9000

***Location:*** Andean region.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunters with a focus on cervids, camelids, and ground-dwelling birds.

***OAT code:*** 2005 ***OWC code:***  S025

**Old Amazonian Collecting-Hunting** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*7000

***Location:*** Amazon basin.

***Description:*** Nomadic food collectors and hunters of lowland South America.

***OAT code:*** 2010 ***OWC code:***  SL60

**Late Andean Hunting-Collecting** ***Years BP:*** 9000 *-*7000

***Location:*** Andes region, highland Colombia and Venezuela, western Argentina.

***Description:*** hunter / gatherers showing marked seasonal migration between highland and

coastal sites. Restricted to western Argentina by 7000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 2015 ***OWC code:***  S035

**Early Northwest South American Littoral** ***Years BP:*** 9000 *-*5500

***Location:*** Coastal regions of Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, and Panama.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic peoples with an economy focused on fish and

shellfish. Lack chipped stone projectile points.

***OAT code:*** 2030 ***OWC code:***  S060

**Late Northwest South American Littoral** ***Years BP:*** 5500 *-*3000

***Location:*** Coastal regions of Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela. Islands of the West Indies.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic populations with an economy focused on fish and

shellfish, but including the use of diverse plant resources.

***OAT code:*** 2035 ***OWC code:***  S065

**Early Amazonian** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Amazon basin.

***Description:*** Hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 2050 ***OWC code:***  SL62

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**Late Amazonian** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*50

***Location:*** Amazon basin.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists living in large communal structures. Rapidly expands

across the Amazon basin from west to east.

***OAT code:*** 2055 ***OWC code:***  SL65

**Early Paraná-Pampean** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*1500

***Location:*** Paraná-Pampas region.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter-fisher-gatherers of the Pampas and Patagonia,

***OAT code:*** 2060 ***OWC code:***  SI50

**Late Paraná-Pampean** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*500

***Location:*** Paraná-Pampas region.

***Description:*** Hunting-fishing-gathering of localized resources is important for all these

peoples. Some practice horticulture as well (Lower Paraná River region).

Sedentism increases and pottery manufacturing spreads north to south across

***OAT code:*** 2065 ***OWC code:***  SI60

**Magellan-Fuegan** ***Years BP:*** 6300 *-*50

***Location:*** Tierra del Fuego.

***Description:*** Nomadic, extended-family microbands subsisting off sea resources, particularly

mammals and shellfish.

***OAT code:*** 2070 ***OWC code:***  SH50

**Early East Brazilian Uplands** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Brazilian uplands.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers subsisting on diverse upland resources. Lasts until

the historic period in remote areas, but not on the coast or major rivers.

***OAT code:*** 2075 ***OWC code:***  SN50

**Late East Brazilian Uplands** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*50

***Location:*** Brazilian uplands.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic peoples intensively using localized resources.

***OAT code:*** 2080 ***OWC code:***  SN60

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**Sambaquí** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*500

***Location:*** Coastal areas of northeastern South America.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter-fisher-gatherers subsisting primarily on shellfish.

***OAT code:*** 2085 ***OWC code:***  SO50

**Tupi** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*150

***Location:*** Southeastern Brazil lowlands, but spreads rapidly northward.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary lowland horticulturalists.

***OAT code:*** 2100 ***OWC code:***  SL72

**Early Chibcha** ***Years BP:*** 3500 *-*1200

***Location:*** Southern Central America and western Colombia.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists living in small villages. Political centralization and

status differences present in some areas. Ceremonial centers present in some

***OAT code:*** 2105 ***OWC code:***  SC60

**Late Chibcha** ***Years BP:*** 1200 *-*500

***Location:*** Southern Central America, western Colombia.

***Description:*** Sedentary village horticulturalists living in complex, &#x22;regionalized&#x22;

polities. Stratification present in some areas. Fishing important in some areas.

Sophisticated polychrome pottery and figurines, and metalworking present.

***OAT code:*** 2110 ***OWC code:***  SC70

**Ecuadorian Coast Regional Development** ***Years BP:*** 2300 *-*1200

***Location:*** Central coast of Ecuador from La Plata Island north to the Manabí Coast.

***Description:*** Centralized polities with large villages containing platform mounds and

ceremonial buildings. Manufactured unique pottery and figurines.

***OAT code:*** 2115 ***OWC code:***  SD45

**Manteño** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*500

***Location:*** Coastal Ecuador.

***Description:*** Complex, centralized polities with large towns and large populations. Inter-

polity interaction continuous. Stone architecture was present including

ceremonial buildings and palaces. Complex metallurgy is present.

***OAT code:*** 2120 ***OWC code:***  SD50

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**Ecuadorian Highlands** ***Years BP:*** 3500 *-*500

***Location:*** Guayas River basin and surrounding highland regions of Ecuador.

***Description:*** Complex horticulturalists living in large communities with house platforms and

burial mounds. Ranking and perhaps stratification present. Manufactured

coarse pottery but highly sophisticated metal objects.

***OAT code:*** 2125 ***OWC code:***  SD60

**Coastal Andean Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*3800

***Location:*** Pacific coast of South America from southern Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers with some domesticated crops.

Heavy reliance on fish and shellfish, but highly seasonal in their exploitation.

***OAT code:*** 2200 ***OWC code:***  SE40

**Highland Andean Early Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*4500

***Location:*** High Andes from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers, but with domesticated llamas,

alpacas, and guinea pigs and some domesticated plants.

***OAT code:*** 2205 ***OWC code:***  SE45

**Highland Andean Late Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 4500 *-*3500

***Location:*** High Andes from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Sedentary village dwellers, relying in part on domesticated plants and animals

supplemented by seasonal exploitation of wild resources.

***OAT code:*** 2215 ***OWC code:***  SE46

**Highland Andean Archaic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*3500

***Location:*** High Andes from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** [eHRAF Archaeology combines the Highland Andean Early and Late Archaic

traditions.]

***OAT code:*** 2216 ***OWC code:***  SE47

**Coastal Andean Early Formative** ***Years BP:*** 3800 *-*3000

***Location:*** Pacific coast of South America from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with domesticated animals, living in large villages

and ceremonial centers on rivers near the Pacific coast. Ranking or stratification

is present, as is pottery manufacture.

***OAT code:*** 2220 ***OWC code:***  SE41

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**Coastal Andean Late Formative** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*2200

***Location:*** Pacific coast of South America from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with domesticated animals and a stratified

sociopolitical system, living in large communities with ceremonial centers.

***OAT code:*** 2222 ***OWC code:***  SE43

**Highland Andean Formative** ***Years BP:*** 3500 *-*2200

***Location:*** High Andes from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with a reliance on maize and domesticated animals,

living in large villages and ceremonial centers. Ranking or stratification is

present, as is pottery manufacture and metallurgy.

***OAT code:*** 2225 ***OWC code:***  SE48

**Chavín** ***Years BP:*** 2800 *-*2200

***Location:*** Coast and highlands of central and northern Peru.

***Description:*** Sedentary maize agriculturalists with a complex symbol system and ideology.

Large, highly decorated and complex ceremonial centers are present. Stone

architecture and pyramidal construction. Ranking or stratification is present.

Distinct differences between coastal and highland regions.

***OAT code:*** 2230 ***OWC code:***  SE49

**Andean Regional Development** ***Years BP:*** 2200 *-*1300

***Location:*** Andes region from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Localized but interacting states with complex ideologies, symbol systems, and

social forms. Highly developed ceramics, metallurgy, and weaving.

***OAT code:*** 2235 ***OWC code:***  S050

**Moche** ***Years BP:*** 1950 *-*1200

***Location:*** Coastal regions of northern Peru.

***Description:*** A sedentary agricultural kingdom.

***OAT code:*** 2240 ***OWC code:***  SE55

**Nazca** ***Years BP:*** 2200 *-*1200

***Location:*** Coastal regions of southern Peru.

***Description:*** A sedentary agricultural kingdom.

***OAT code:*** 2245 ***OWC code:***  SE51

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**Tiahuanaco** ***Years BP:*** 1600 *-*900

***Location:*** Lake Titicaca region of highland Peru. Expands into western Bolivia and

northern Chile by 1400 BP.

***Description:*** A sedentary agricultural empire of the highland Andes.

***OAT code:*** 2250 ***OWC code:***  SF45

**Huari** ***Years BP:*** 1200 *-*900

***Location:*** Andes from southern Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** A sedentary agricultural empire which expanded to encompass virtually all of

the central and northern Andes.

***OAT code:*** 2255 ***OWC code:***  SE65

**Andean Regional States** ***Years BP:*** 900 *-*530

***Location:*** Andes from Ecuador to northern Chile.

***Description:*** Localized but interacting states with complex ideologies, symbol systems, and

social forms. Highly developed ceramics, metallurgy, and weaving.

***OAT code:*** 2260 ***OWC code:***  SE70

**Chimu** ***Years BP:*** 1050 *-*480

***Location:*** Northern coastal regions of Peru.

***Description:*** A sedentary agricultural kingdom.

***OAT code:*** 2265 ***OWC code:***  SE75

**Aymara Kingdoms** ***Years BP:*** 900 *-*530

***Location:*** Andes in southern Peru, Bolivia and northern Chile.

***Description:*** Related and interacting sedentary agricultural kingdoms of the high Andes.

***OAT code:*** 2270 ***OWC code:***  SF50

**Inka** ***Years BP:*** 800 *-*468

***Location:*** Andes region from Ecuador to northern Chile and Argentina.

***Description:*** The historic Empire of Tiwantinsuyu.

***OAT code:*** 2275 ***OWC code:***  SE80

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**South Andean Ceramic** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*500

***Location:*** Southern Andes from southern Bolivia through central Chile.

***Description:*** Sedentary agricultural and fishing communities on the coast, agricultural in the

highlands. Politically centralized but with great regional variation. Heavily

influenced by the central Andean civilizations. Inka influence becomes marked

***OAT code:*** 2280 ***OWC code:***  SG70

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Europe

**Mousterian** ***Years BP:*** 200000 *-*40000

***Location:*** Europe and the Middle East.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with Homo

neanderthalensis

***OAT code:*** 0025 ***OWC code:***  E025

**Aurignacian** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*25000

***Location:*** Europe.

***Description:*** Nomadic big-game hunters. Manufactured bone tools and portable art.

***OAT code:*** 3005 ***OWC code:***  E030

**Perigordian** ***Years BP:*** 30000 *-*22000

***Location:*** Europe.

***Description:*** Nomadic big-game hunters. Spreads across Europe by 25,000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 3010 ***OWC code:***  E033

**Solutrean** ***Years BP:*** 22000 *-*18000

***Location:*** Southern France and Spain.

***Description:*** Nomadic big-game hunters. Manufactured distinctive &#x22;laurel&#x22; and

&#x22;willow&#x22; leaf projectile points.

***OAT code:*** 3020 ***OWC code:***  E035

**Magdelenian** ***Years BP:*** 18000 *-*11000

***Location:*** Western Europe.

***Description:*** Nomadic big-game hunters.

***OAT code:*** 3025 ***OWC code:***  E037

**Eastern European Mesolithic** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*6000

***Location:*** Eastern Europe from central Russia to the Urals.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunters, fishers, and gatherers.

***OAT code:*** 3030 ***OWC code:***  RA55

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**Western European Mesolithic** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*6000

***Location:*** Northern and western Europe.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers with an economy focused on deer, elk, and

other large game animals.

***OAT code:*** 3040 ***OWC code:***  E040

**Southeastern European Mesolithic** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*8000

***Location:*** Italy, Greece, Anatolia, Islands of the Mediterranean.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers with an economy focused on marine

resources. Collected grains also important.

***OAT code:*** 3045 ***OWC code:***  E070

**Southeastern European Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*6500

***Location:*** Greece, Turkey, and southern Italy, Islands of the Mediterranean.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small

villages.

***OAT code:*** 3050 ***OWC code:***  E072

**Impressed Ware** ***Years BP:*** 6800 *-*6000

***Location:*** Northern coast of the Mediterranean.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small

villages.

***OAT code:*** 3060 ***OWC code:***  E051

**Linear Pottery** ***Years BP:*** 6500 *-*6000

***Location:*** Northern and western Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in

villages composed of longhouses. Social differentiation is present.

***OAT code:*** 3065 ***OWC code:***  E044

**European Megalithic** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*4500

***Location:*** Western Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small

villages.

***OAT code:*** 3075 ***OWC code:***  E047

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**Corded Ware** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*3800

***Location:*** Central and eastern Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small

villages.

***OAT code:*** 3080 ***OWC code:***  E061

**Bell Beaker** ***Years BP:*** 4500 *-*3800

***Location:*** Western Europe.

***Description:*** The Bell Beaker Tradition includes sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental

animal husbandry living in the temperate areas of Western Europe between

roughly 4500 BP and 3800 BP. The Bell Beaker peoples lived in small villages

and developed a chiefdom form of political organization

***OAT code:*** 3085 ***OWC code:***  E050

**European Early Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 4700 *-*3800

***Location:*** Central and eastern Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplementary animal husbandry living in small

villages.

***OAT code:*** 3090 ***OWC code:***  E063

**Western European Earlier Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 3800 *-*3300

***Location:*** Western Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in

villages with a ranked form of social organization.

***OAT code:*** 3095 ***OWC code:***  E052

**Western European Late Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 3300 *-*2800

***Location:*** Western Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in

villages, some very large. Increasing social differentiation is present but with

great regional diversity.

***OAT code:*** 3100 ***OWC code:***  E053

**West-Central European Early Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2800 *-*2400

***Location:*** Western and central Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states.

***OAT code:*** 3105 ***OWC code:***  E056

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**West-Central European Late Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2400 *-*2033

***Location:*** Western and central Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states. Ends

in the historic period with the expansion of the Roman Empire under Julius

Cesar and Augustus.

***OAT code:*** 3110 ***OWC code:***  E057

**Northeastern European Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 4000- *-*2800-2700

3800

***Location:*** Central and eastern Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with supplemental animal husbandry living in

villages, some very large. Increasing social differentiation is present but with

great regional diversity.

***OAT code:*** 3115 ***OWC code:***  E065

**Northeastern European Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2800 *-*2000

***Location:*** Eastern Europe north and west of the Carpathians.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states,

including the Dacians. Ends in the historic period with the expansion of the

***OAT code:*** 3120 ***OWC code:***  E067

**East-Central European Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2800 *-*2000

***Location:*** East-Central Europe including the southern Danube and Carpathian basins.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states,

including the Thracians. Ends in the historic period with the expansion of the

***OAT code:*** 3125 ***OWC code:***  E068

**Southeastern European Early Chalcolithic** ***Years BP:*** 6500 *-*5500

***Location:*** Greece, Turkey, and southern Italy, Islands of the eastern Mediterranean.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages with a ranked or simple

stratified form of social organization.

***OAT code:*** 3130 ***OWC code:***  E074

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**Southeastern Europe Late Chalcolithic** ***Years BP:*** 5500 *-*4500

***Location:*** Greece, Turkey, and Southern Italy, Islands of the eastern Mediterranean.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages with a stratified form of social

organization.

***OAT code:*** 3131 ***OWC code:***  E075

**Southeastern European Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 5100 *-*3100

***Location:*** Greece, Turkey, and southern Italy, Islands of the eastern Mediterranean.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in city-states with a complex bureaucracy and

market system. Ends in the historic period with the rise of Greco-Roman

***OAT code:*** 3135 ***OWC code:***  E076

**Scandinavian Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*3800

***Location:*** Scandinavia.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers with supplemental agriculture and

animal husbandry in some areas. Lived in small villages with some social

***OAT code:*** 3140 ***OWC code:***  E083

**Scandinavian Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 3800 *-*2500

***Location:*** Scandinavia.

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in villages, some large. Political organization in

the form of complex chiefdoms and simple states. Evidence of both craft

specialization and social stratification in some areas.

***OAT code:*** 3145 ***OWC code:***  E085

**Roman Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2033 *-*1500

***Location:*** Northern parts of western Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states.

Continues into the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 3150 ***OWC code:***  E059

**Scandinavian Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*1500

***Location:*** Extreme northern Europe.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms and simple states.

Continues into the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 3155 ***OWC code:***  E087

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**Romano-British** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*1500

***Location:*** British Islands.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in simple states. Continues into the historic

***OAT code:*** 3165 ***OWC code:***  ES71

**Eurasian Steppe Nomad** ***Years BP:*** 6500 *-*4000

***Location:*** Steppes north of the Caucasus and south of the Urals.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic pastoralists.

***OAT code:*** 4405 ***OWC code:***  RA60

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Asia

**Zhoukoudianian** ***Years BP:*** 800000 *-*600000

***Location:*** Eastern Asia.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with Homo erectus.

***OAT code:*** 0015 ***OWC code:***  A050

**East Asian Middle Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 200000 *-*40000

***Location:*** Eastern Asia.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with archaic

Homo sapiens.

***OAT code:*** 0030 ***OWC code:***  A060

**Siberian Mousterian** ***Years BP:*** 130000 *-*42000

***Location:*** Southwest and south-central Siberia.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers of Pleistocene big game. Associated with Homo

neanderthalensis.

***OAT code:*** 0050 ***OWC code:***  RR45

**Caucasian Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*6500

***Location:*** Caucasus region.

***Description:*** Horticulturalists and pastoralists living in small villages.

***OAT code:*** 3170 ***OWC code:***  RH55

**Caucasian Chalcolithic** ***Years BP:*** 6500 *-*5500

***Location:*** Caucasus region.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists and pastoralists living in small villages with a ranked

or stratified social organization.

***OAT code:*** 3175 ***OWC code:***  RH60

**Caucasian Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 5600 *-*2700

***Location:*** Caucasus region.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists and pastoralists living in complex chiefdoms or

simple states. Region conquered by Scythians ca. 2700 BP.

***OAT code:*** 3180 ***OWC code:***  RH65

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**Ordosian** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*8500

***Location:*** Middle and lower Yellow River valley and northern China plains.

***Description:*** Hunter / gatherers living in small nomadic bands.

***OAT code:*** 4005 ***OWC code:***  AF40

**Peiligang** ***Years BP:*** 8500 *-*6200

***Location:*** Middle and lower Yellow River valley, including the northern China plain.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists living in small villages with some social

***OAT code:*** 4015 ***OWC code:***  AF45

**Southeast China Early Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 9000 *-*5500

***Location:*** Southeastern China.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists living in small egalitarian villages.

***OAT code:*** 4020 ***OWC code:***  AF70

**Yangshao** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*4500

***Location:*** Middle Yellow River valley.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages. Socio-political organization

possibly based on ranked descent groups.

***OAT code:*** 4025 ***OWC code:***  AF48

**Dawenkou** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Lower Yellow River valley.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages. Socio-political organization

possibly based on ranked descent groups.

***OAT code:*** 4030 ***OWC code:***  AF50

**Hongshan** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*4500

***Location:*** Manchuria, northeast China.

***Description:*** Sedentary village agriculturalists with a socio-political organization possibly

based on ranked descent groups. Large public structures suggest a complex

religious / ritual system.

***OAT code:*** 4035 ***OWC code:***  AG50

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**Daxi** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*4500

***Location:*** Central Yangtze River valley.

***Description:*** Sedentary village-dwelling agriculturalists.

***OAT code:*** 4040 ***OWC code:***  AF60

**Majiabang** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Lower Yangtze River valley.

***Description:*** Village-dwelling rice agriculturalists.

***OAT code:*** 4045 ***OWC code:***  AF62

**Longshan** ***Years BP:*** 4500 *-*3900

***Location:*** Yellow River valley and northern China plains.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in complex chiefdoms or simple states. Spreads

across north China and coastal regions of central China by 4000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 4055 ***OWC code:***  AF51

**Shang** ***Years BP:*** 3900 *-*3100

***Location:*** Yellow River valley.

***Description:*** Complex state society with specialized communities, military, and political

bureaucracy.

***OAT code:*** 4060 ***OWC code:***  AF52

**Early Xiajiadian** ***Years BP:*** 4500 *-*3600

***Location:*** Northeast China.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages. Socio-political organization

based on ranked descent groups.

***OAT code:*** 4070 ***OWC code:***  AG55

**Late Xiajiadian** ***Years BP:*** 3600 *-*2500

***Location:*** Northeast China.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages. Socio-political organization

based on ranked descent groups.

***OAT code:*** 4075 ***OWC code:***  AG60

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**Southeast China Late Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 5500 *-*2500

***Location:*** Southeastern China.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in small villages.

***OAT code:*** 4080 ***OWC code:***  AF75

**Chulumn** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*4000

***Location:*** Korean peninsula.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in small, egalitarian villages.

***OAT code:*** 4105 ***OWC code:***  AA50

**Mumum** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2300

***Location:*** Korean peninsula.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in moderate to large villages with some social

differentiation.

***OAT code:*** 4110 ***OWC code:***  AA55

**Japanese Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 20000 *-*12000

***Location:*** Islands of Japan.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers.

***OAT code:*** 4150 ***OWC code:***  AB70

**Jomon** ***Years BP:*** 12000 *-*2500

***Location:*** Islands of Japan.

***Description:*** Sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers living in small, egalitarian villages.

***OAT code:*** 4155 ***OWC code:***  AB75

**Yayoi** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*1500

***Location:*** Islands of Japan.

***Description:*** Sedentary rice agriculturalists living in large, politically centralized villages,

with class stratification. Spreads south to north. Continues into the historic

***OAT code:*** 4160 ***OWC code:***  AB80

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**Siberian Early Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 42000 *-*28000

***Location:*** Southern Siberia to northern Mongolia.

***Description:*** Nomadic big game hunters.

***OAT code:*** 4300 ***OWC code:***  RR50

**Siberian Middle Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 28000 *-*19000

***Location:*** Southern and subarctic Siberia to northern Mongolia.

***Description:*** Nomadic big game hunters.

***OAT code:*** 4301 ***OWC code:***  RR52

**Siberian Late Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 19000 *-*10000

***Location:*** Southern and subarctic Siberia to northern Mongolia.

***Description:*** Nomadic big game hunters.

***OAT code:*** 4302 ***OWC code:***  RR55

**Amur Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 30000 *-*12000

***Location:*** Amur River basin and northern Manchuria.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary, broad-spectrum hunter / gatherers.

***OAT code:*** 4305 ***OWC code:***  RX55

**Amur Neolithic and Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 12000 *-*1500

***Location:*** Amur River basin and northern Manchuria.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers living in large egalitarian bands.

Continues into the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 4310 ***OWC code:***  RX65

**Baikal Neolithic and Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*3000

***Location:*** Forested areas north of Mongolia and south of Siberia.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / fishers living in large egalitarian bands. Continues into

the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 4320 ***OWC code:***  RT65

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**Siberian Neolithic and Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*2100

***Location:*** Forests and tundra of Siberia.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / fishers living in small egalitarian bands.

***OAT code:*** 4340 ***OWC code:***  RR65

**Siberian Protohistoric** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*500

***Location:*** Tundra and forests of northern Siberia.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / fisher / gatherers living in small egalitarian bands. Continues

into the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 4350 ***OWC code:***  RR70

**Holocene Stone Age of Northeast Asia** ***Years BP:*** 10500 *-*3000

***Location:*** Chuckchi peninsula and Okhotsk coast.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in egalitarian bands.

***OAT code:*** 4360 ***OWC code:***  RY50

**Kamchatka Mesolithic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*4000

***Location:*** The Kamchatka peninsula.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary fishers and hunters of marine mammals.

***OAT code:*** 4370 ***OWC code:***  RY60

**Tarya Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2500

***Location:*** The Kamchatka peninsula.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary fishers and hunters of marine mammals.

***OAT code:*** 4375 ***OWC code:***  RY64

**Old Itel'man** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*500

***Location:*** The Kamchatka peninsula.

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary fishers and hunters of marine mammals. Ancestral

to the historic peoples of Kamchatka.

***OAT code:*** 4380 ***OWC code:***  RY67

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**Kelteminar** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*4000

***Location:*** Steppes and forests of Central Asia.

***Description:*** Sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers with some supplemental agriculture, and

living in egalitarian villages.

***OAT code:*** 4400 ***OWC code:***  RL55

**Andronovo** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2800

***Location:*** Steppes and grasslands of central Asia.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists and pastoralists living in small villages with a ranked

or stratified social organization.

***OAT code:*** 4410 ***OWC code:***  RL58

**Early Nomad** ***Years BP:*** 2800 *-*2300

***Location:*** Steppes of east Central and Eastern Asia.

***Description:*** Nomadic pastoralists living in stratified societies.

***OAT code:*** 4420 ***OWC code:***  RL60

**Late Nomad** ***Years BP:*** 2300 *-*1500

***Location:*** Steppes of eastern Central and Eastern Asia.

***Description:*** Nomadic pastoralists living in complex state societies. Continues into the

historic period.

***OAT code:*** 4425 ***OWC code:***  RL62

**Scythian-Sarmatian** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*1700

***Location:*** Steppes north of the Black Sea from the Don River to the Urals.

***Description:*** Nomadic and militaristic pastoralists living in a state society.

***OAT code:*** 4430 ***OWC code:***  MA51

**Eastern Central Asia Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*6000

***Location:*** Western China, Tibet, Himalayan region.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small egalitarian bands.

***OAT code:*** 4500 ***OWC code:***  AJ45

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**Eastern Central Asia Neolithic and Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*1500

***Location:*** Western China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan, and

Uzbekistan.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic pastoralist / hunters, some sedentary communities in river

valleys, but all small and egalitarian.

***OAT code:*** 4510 ***OWC code:***  AJ50

**Southeast Asia Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*10000

***Location:*** Island and mainland Southeast Asia from India to China.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers with an economy based on hunting and shellfish.

Most known occupations in caves or rock shelters. Exists only in Island

Southeast Asia after 12000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 5100 ***OWC code:***  AL50

**Hoabinhian** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*4000

***Location:*** Southeast Asia.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living off shellfish, small game, and diverse plant

***OAT code:*** 5105 ***OWC code:***  AL55

**Southeast Asia Neolithic and Early Bronze** ***Years BP:*** 6500 *-*2500

***Location:*** Mainland and island Southeast Asia.

***Description:*** Sedentary and mobile horticulturalists living in farmsteads, hamlets, and some

villages. Raised rice, pigs, tubers, and fruit trees. Developed metallurgy by ca.

3800 BP

***OAT code:*** 5110 ***OWC code:***  AL60

**Island Southeast Asia Late Prehistoric** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*1500

***Location:*** Island (and southern mainland) Southeast Asia.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in hamlets or small villages. Metal tools,

traction animals (cattle and buffalo), and irrigation agriculture used. Increasing

social stratification. Contact with states of India and China. Probably

***OAT code:*** 5115 ***OWC code:***  OB70

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**Mainland Southeast Asia Late Prehistoric** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*1500

***Location:*** Mainland Southeast Asia.

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists, using metal tools, traction animals, and

irrigation, and living in chiefdoms or incipient states. Contact with Indian and

***OAT code:*** 5120 ***OWC code:***  AL65

**South Asian Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 30000 *-*7000

***Location:*** The South Asian subcontinent.

***Description:*** Mobile hunter / fisher / gatherers.

***OAT code:*** 5505 ***OWC code:***  AQ30

**South Asian Microlithic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*3500

***Location:*** The South Asian subcontinent, retreating into non-riverine settings through

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers living in small hamlets or villages.

Some groups practiced animal husbandry and horticulture later in the tradition.

***OAT code:*** 5510 ***OWC code:***  AQ35

**Indus Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Indus River valley and tributaries.

***Description:*** Sedentary village agriculturalists growing wheat and barley. Social

differentiation present. First pottery made by 7000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 5515 ***OWC code:***  AQ40

**Ganges Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2500

***Location:*** Ganges River valley and tributaries.

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists living in small-scale societies with minimal social

differentiation.

***OAT code:*** 5520 ***OWC code:***  AQ50

**South Indian Chalcolithic** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*3100

***Location:*** The Indian subcontinent south of the Ganges River valley.

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in small villages with minimal social

***OAT code:*** 5525 ***OWC code:***  AQ73

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**Early Indus** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*4600

***Location:*** Indus River valley and tributaries.

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists, some living in large villages and/or regional centers.

***OAT code:*** 5530 ***OWC code:***  AQ43

**Mature Indus** ***Years BP:*** 4600 *-*3900

***Location:*** Indus River valley and tributaries.

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in complex urban settings with writing, elaborate

craft technology, and large public works.

***OAT code:*** 5535 ***OWC code:***  AQ45

**Central Indian Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*3100

***Location:*** Central Indian subcontinent south of the Thar Desert, west of the central

Ganges River, and north of the Ghat Mountains.

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists living in regionally-distinct, stratified societies.

***OAT code:*** 5540 ***OWC code:***  AQ63

**Gangetic India** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*2000

***Location:*** Ganges River valley and its tributaries.

***Description:*** Urban civilization with writing, coinage, political and religious bureaucracy,

craft specialists and artisans, and markets. Time range covers only the

protohistoric period, the tradition continues as the historic Gangetic civilization.

***OAT code:*** 5550 ***OWC code:***  AQ56

**Vedic** ***Years BP:*** 3900 *-*2000

***Location:*** The Indus River valley and its tributaries, extending eastward to the Ganges

and south into the Thar Desert.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists and semi-sedentary pastoralists living in large

villages and regionally-distinct stratified polities. Time range only covers

prehistoric period, the tradition continues into the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 5555 ***OWC code:***  AQ47

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**Central Indian Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 3100 *-*2100

***Location:*** Central Indian subcontinent south of the Thar Desert, west of the central

Ganges River, and north of the Ghat Mountains.

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists living in regionally-distinct, stratified societies.

Time range only covers prehistoric period, the tradition continues into the

***OAT code:*** 5560 ***OWC code:***  AQ66

**South Indian Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 3100 *-*2100

***Location:*** Southern Indian subcontinent, between the two ranges of the Ghat mountains.

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists living in regionally-distinct, stratified societies.

Time range only covers prehistoric period, the tradition continues into the

***OAT code:*** 5565 ***OWC code:***  AQ76

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Oceania

**Lapita** ***Years BP:*** 3500 *-*2000

***Location:*** Island Melanesia, Coastal New Guinea, Western Polynesia.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary colonizers of Oceania with an economy based on marine

resources. Social organization likely based on ranked clans. First pottery

manufacturers in Oceania.

***OAT code:*** 5005 ***OWC code:***  O050

**Fijian** ***Years BP:*** 2100 *-*200

***Location:*** Fiji Islands.

***Description:*** Ancestral to historic Fiji culture. Politically centralized and sedentary

horticulturalists with plant foods supplemented by pigs and fish. Political

centralization appears to increase through time. Fortifications are built by 900

BP. Ceramics change from impressed to incised by 900 BP.

***OAT code:*** 5010 ***OWC code:***  OQ50

**Samoan** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*200

***Location:*** Samoan Islands.

***Description:*** Politically centralized and sedentary horticulturalists living in coastal

communities. Plant foods supplemented by pigs and fish. Ancestral to historic

Samoan culture. Political centralization appears to increase through time, as

to large ceremonial constructions increase. Completely aceramic.

***OAT code:*** 5015 ***OWC code:***  OU40

**Tongan** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*200

***Location:*** Tongan Islands.

***Description:*** Politically centralized and sedentary horticulturalists living in coastal

communities. Plant foods supplemented by pigs and fish. Ancestral to historic

Tongan culture. Political centralization appears to increase through time, as to

large ceremonial constructions increase. Completely aceramic.

***OAT code:*** 5020 ***OWC code:***  OU80

**Marquesan** ***Years BP:*** 1700 *-*175

***Location:*** Marquesas Islands.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in chiefdoms. Ancestral to historic

Marquesan culture. May be ancestral to most eastern Polynesian cultures.

***OAT code:*** 5030 ***OWC code:***  OX60

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**Hawaiian** ***Years BP:*** 800 *-*200

***Location:*** Hawaiian Islands.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in complex chiefdoms. Ancestral to

historic Hawaiian culture. First clear evidence of agriculture at 800 BP, first

clear evidence of chiefs at 600 BP. Political centralization appears to increase

through time.

***OAT code:*** 5035 ***OWC code:***  OV50

**Tahitian** ***Years BP:*** 1400 *-*200

***Location:*** Society Islands.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in complex chiefdoms. Ancestral to

historic Tahitian culture.

***OAT code:*** 5040 ***OWC code:***  OX80

**Easter Island** ***Years BP:*** 1500 *-*400

***Location:*** Easter Island.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in a complex chiefdom. Collapsed

in the late prehistoric period. Sophisticated religious/ritual system prompted the

construction of complex structures and massive stone effigies.

***OAT code:*** 5045 ***OWC code:***  OY50

**Maori** ***Years BP:*** 900 *-*200

***Location:*** New Zealand.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in complex chiefdoms. Ancestral to

the historic Maori.

***OAT code:*** 5050 ***OWC code:***  OZ70

**New Guinea Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*100

***Location:*** Central highlands of New Guinea.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and pig herders living in small egalitarian

communities. Ancestral to historic peoples of highland New Guinea.

***OAT code:*** 5070 ***OWC code:***  OJ50

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**Melanesian** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*200

***Location:*** Islands of Melanesia.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in egalitarian or ranked societies,

and with a strongly marine-oriented lifestyle. Ancestral to the historic peoples of

Melanesia. Expands throughout Melanesia by 3500 BP.

***OAT code:*** 5075 ***OWC code:***  OK50

**Micronesia** ***Years BP:*** 3000 *-*200

***Location:*** Islands of Micronesia.

***Description:*** Sedentary horticulturalists and fishers living in small, egalitarian or ranked

villages on the tiny islands of Micronesia. A strongly marine-oriented lifestyle.

Ancestral to the historic peoples of Micronesia.

***OAT code:*** 5080 ***OWC code:***  OR50

**Early Australian** ***Years BP:*** 50000 *-*7000

***Location:*** Australia, New Guinea, and Melanesia.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands.

***OAT code:*** 5085 ***OWC code:***  OI50

**Late Australian** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*200

***Location:*** Australia.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands.

Ancestral to historic Aboriginal peoples. Marked by a change in technology

towards small flake tools, and by apparently greater status differences and more

elaborate individual / group ceremonialism.

***OAT code:*** 5090 ***OWC code:***  OI60

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Africa

**Oldowan** ***Years BP:*** 2300000 *-*1600000

***Location:*** Eastern Africa.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherer / scavengers living in small bands. Associated with

Homo habilis and early Homo erectus.

***OAT code:*** 0005 ***OWC code:***  F030

**Acheulean** ***Years BP:*** 1800000 *-*200000

***Location:*** Africa and Western Europe.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with Homo erectus.

***OAT code:*** 0010 ***OWC code:***  F035

**Southern and Eastern Africa Middle Stone Age** ***Years BP:*** 200000 *-*40000

***Location:*** Africa.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small bands. Associated with archaic

Homo sapiens.

***OAT code:*** 0020 ***OWC code:***  F045

**Middle Paleolithic Egypt** ***Years BP:*** 230000 *-*45000

***Location:*** Nile valley in Egypt and westward in northern Egypt and Sudan.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian

communities. Associated with archaic Homo sapiens.

***OAT code:*** 0040 ***OWC code:***  MR45

**Aterian** ***Years BP:*** 100000 *-*8000

***Location:*** northern Africa

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers, focused on big game, and living in small,

egalitarian bands.

***OAT code:*** 6005 ***OWC code:***  M060

**Late Pleistocene–Early Holocene Maghreb** ***Years BP:*** 20000 *-*7500

***Location:*** Mediterranean coast of northern Africa.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian

***OAT code:*** 6010 ***OWC code:***  M050

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**Southern Mediterranean Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 7500 *-*4000

***Location:*** Mediterranean coast of north Africa

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers with some domesticated livestock

(sheep, pigs, and cattle), and living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6025 ***OWC code:***  M053

**Neolithic of Capsian** ***Years BP:*** 7500 *-*4000

***Location:*** northern Africa

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers with some domesticated livestock

(sheep, pigs, and cattle), and living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6030 ***OWC code:***  M062

**North African Protohistoric** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*3000

***Location:*** northern Africa

***Description:*** Sedentary or semi-sedentary pastoralists and agriculturalists living in large

villages with a chiefdom political organization. Historic period follows.

***OAT code:*** 6035 ***OWC code:***  M066

**Saharo-Sudanese Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*3000

***Location:*** Sahara region of northern Africa.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic pastoralists, some with supplementary agriculture, living in

small communities. Desertification begins late in the period and climaxes by

3000 BP. Desert areas become virtually uninhabited.

***OAT code:*** 6040 ***OWC code:***  MS60

**Southern and Eastern Africa Later Stone Age** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Eastern and southern Africa.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands.

***OAT code:*** 6060 ***OWC code:***  F050

**Wilton** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Cape region of southern Africa.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter/gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands. Some reliance on

marine resources in coastal areas.

***OAT code:*** 6065 ***OWC code:***  FX50

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**South African Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*500

***Location:*** Southern Africa.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists and pastoralists living in villages, some large. Late in

the tradition there is evidence of regional chiefdoms or states developing.

Continues into the historic period.

***OAT code:*** 6075 ***OWC code:***  F057

**East African Microlithic** ***Years BP:*** 20000 *-*5000

***Location:*** northeast Africa and the Horn

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6080 ***OWC code:***  M071

**East African Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*1200

***Location:*** northeastern Africa and the Horn

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary pastoralists and agriculturalists living in small villages, most

integrated into larger, regional chiefdoms and states. Ends in the historic

***OAT code:*** 6090 ***OWC code:***  M074

**Early Khartoum** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*5700

***Location:*** Nile valley in Nubia and the Sudan.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary or sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers living in small villages.

***OAT code:*** 6095 ***OWC code:***  MS45

**Khartoum Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 5700 *-*3550

***Location:*** Nile valley in Nubia and the Sudan.

***Description:*** Sedentary pastoralists and agriculturalists living in villages, integrated into

regional chiefdoms or states, particularly late in the tradition. Integrated into

Egyptian empire by the end of the time period.

***OAT code:*** 6100 ***OWC code:***  MS50

**Late Paleolithic Egypt** ***Years BP:*** 45000 *-*7000

***Location:*** Upper Nile valley in Egypt.

***Description:*** Village-dwelling hunter/fisher/gatherers with an egalitarian or ranked form of

social organization.

***OAT code:*** 6110 ***OWC code:***  MR50

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**Upper Egypt Predynastic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Upper Nile valley in Egypt.

***Description:*** Sedentary, village-dwelling agriculturalists and fishers living in regional

chiefdoms or simple states.

***OAT code:*** 6115 ***OWC code:***  MR55

**Lower Egypt Predynastic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Lower Nile valley in Egypt.

***Description:*** Sedentary, village-dwelling agriculturalists and fishers living in regional

chiefdoms or simple states.

***OAT code:*** 6125 ***OWC code:***  MR60

**Early Dynastic Egypt** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*4575

***Location:*** Nile valley in Egypt.

***Description:*** Sedentary, emerging state with a politico-religious hierarchy.

***OAT code:*** 6130 ***OWC code:***  MR70

**Protohistoric Egypt** ***Years BP:*** 4575 *-*3552

***Location:*** Nile valley in Egypt.

***Description:*** Powerful, expanding state with a complex bureaucracy, politico-religious

hierarchy, and military organization. Includes the Old Kingdom, First

Intermediate Period, and Middle Kingdom.

***OAT code:*** 6135 ***OWC code:***  MR80

**Tshitolian** ***Years BP:*** 10000 *-*4000

***Location:*** Congo basin.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6160 ***OWC code:***  FI71

**Central African Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Congo basin.

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists with a continuing reliance on hunting, fishing,

and gathering. Cereal agriculture moves from north to south during this time

***OAT code:*** 6165 ***OWC code:***  FI74

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**Central African Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2000 *-*500

***Location:*** Congo basin.

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in large villages.

***OAT code:*** 6170 ***OWC code:***  FI76

**West African Late Stone Age** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*4000

***Location:*** Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.

***Description:*** Nomadic or semi-sedentary hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian

communities.

***OAT code:*** 6175 ***OWC code:***  FA70

**West African Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary agriculturalists living in small communities.

***OAT code:*** 6180 ***OWC code:***  FA73

**West African Iron Age** ***Years BP:*** 2500 *-*1200

***Location:*** Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in small to moderate communities, some linked

into regional chiefdoms or simple states.

***OAT code:*** 6185 ***OWC code:***  FA75

**West African Regional Development** ***Years BP:*** 1200 *-*630

***Location:*** Western Africa south of the Sahara and north of the Congo basin.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in communities of varying size, some very

large, and linked into regional chiefdoms and states. Time range covers only

the period before European contact, but the tradition continues into the historic

***OAT code:*** 6190 ***OWC code:***  FA77

**Nachikufan** ***Years BP:*** 16000 *-*2000

***Location:*** Zambia, Luangwa valley, western Turkana region.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6195 ***OWC code:***  FQ50

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Middle East

**Epipaleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*10500

***Location:*** Levant and Mesopotamia

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6205 ***OWC code:***  M080

**Natufian** ***Years BP:*** 12000 *-*10500

***Location:*** Levant

***Description:*** Sedentary hunter / gatherers with supplemental agriculture living in small

egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6210 ***OWC code:***  M082

**Aceramic Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 10500 *-*7500

***Location:*** Levant and Mesopotamia

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists, some living in very large villages, some with

social differentiation or stratification present. Ends ca. 8000 BP in the Levant.

***OAT code:*** 6215 ***OWC code:***  M084

**Ceramic Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*6100

***Location:*** Levant and Mesopotamia

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists with animal husbandry. Some very large villages

with stratified social organization present. Begins ca. 7500 BP in

***OAT code:*** 6220 ***OWC code:***  M087

**Chalcolithic** ***Years BP:*** 6100 *-*5500

***Location:*** Levant

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists living in complex societies with craft specialists,

markets, and social stratification.

***OAT code:*** 6225 ***OWC code:***  M090

**Early Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 5500 *-*4000

***Location:*** Levant

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in large villages and cities with chiefdom or

simple state forms of political organization.

***OAT code:*** 6230 ***OWC code:***  M093

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**Middle Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 4000 *-*3595

***Location:*** Levant

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in large villages and cities with state forms of

political organization. Ends in the historic period with the expansion of the New

Babylonian empire.

***OAT code:*** 6235 ***OWC code:***  M095

**Halafian** ***Years BP:*** 7500 *-*7000

***Location:*** Northern Mesopotamia

***Description:*** Settled village agriculturalists. Some villages are very large. Good evidence of

social stratification. Replaced by Ubaid ca. 7000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 6245 ***OWC code:***  M086

**Ubaid** ***Years BP:*** 7500 *-*6000

***Location:*** Mesopotamia.

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in large villages with temple complexes and

social stratification. Moves from south to cover all of Mesopotamia by 7000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 6250 ***OWC code:***  MH55

**Late Chalcolithic Mesopotamia** ***Years BP:*** 6000 *-*5100

***Location:*** Mesopotamia.

***Description:*** Settled agriculturalists living in city-states. Expands northward during the time

***OAT code:*** 6255 ***OWC code:***  MH60

**Jemdet Nasr** ***Years BP:*** 5100 *-*4900

***Location:*** Southern Mesopotamia.

***Description:*** Continuation of Uruk, but with more unified political organization between the

city-states.

***OAT code:*** 6260 ***OWC code:***  MH62

**Early Dynastic Mesopotamia** ***Years BP:*** 4900 *-*4334

***Location:*** Mesopotamia.

***Description:*** Unification of Mesopotamian city states into the Sumerian empire by the end

of the tradition.

***OAT code:*** 6265 ***OWC code:***  MH64

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**Akkadian** ***Years BP:*** 4334 *-*4112

***Location:*** Mesopotamia.

***Description:*** Expanding, militaristic empire. Conquers the Sumerians and expands north

and west.

***OAT code:*** 6270 ***OWC code:***  MH66

**Arabian Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*11000

***Location:*** Western parts of the Arabian peninsula.

***Description:*** Nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian bands.

***OAT code:*** 6300 ***OWC code:***  MJ50

**Early Arabian Pastoral** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*5750

***Location:*** Arid regions of the Arabian peninsula.

***Description:*** Nomadic pastoralists with supplemental hunting and gathering.

***OAT code:*** 6305 ***OWC code:***  MJ53

**Middle Arabian Pastoral** ***Years BP:*** 5750 *-*4200

***Location:*** Arid regions of the Arabian peninsula.

***Description:*** Nomadic pastoralists living in small communities.

***OAT code:*** 6310 ***OWC code:***  MJ55

**Late Arabian Pastoral** ***Years BP:*** 4200 *-*3595

***Location:*** Arid regions of the Arabian peninsula.

***Description:*** Nomadic pastoralists living in small communities. Ends in the historic period

with the rise of the New Babylonian empire.

***OAT code:*** 6315 ***OWC code:***  MJ57

**Early Arabian Littoral** ***Years BP:*** 11000 *-*7000

***Location:*** East coast of the Arabian peninsula.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / fisher / gatherers living in small, egalitarian

***OAT code:*** 6320 ***OWC code:***  MJ63

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**Middle Arabian Littoral** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*3300

***Location:*** East coast of the Arabian peninsula.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists with hunting / fishing / gathering remaining

important. Some evidence of social differentiation.

***OAT code:*** 6325 ***OWC code:***  MJ65

**Late Arabian Littoral** ***Years BP:*** 3300 *-*2300

***Location:*** East coast of the Arabian peninsula.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages and cities with a stratified

social system. Fishing and marine resources remain important. Ends in the

***OAT code:*** 6330 ***OWC code:***  MJ67

**Southern Asia Upper Paleolithic** ***Years BP:*** 40000 *-*12000

***Location:*** Southern and southwestern Asia.

***Description:*** Semi-nomadic hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6340 ***OWC code:***  MA35

**Iranian Mesolithic** ***Years BP:*** 12000 *-*8000

***Location:*** Iran.

***Description:*** Semi-sedentary hunter / gatherers living in small, egalitarian communities.

***OAT code:*** 6350 ***OWC code:***  MA40

**Iranian Neolithic** ***Years BP:*** 8000 *-*7000

***Location:*** Iran.

***Description:*** Sedentary village agriculturalists with some animal husbandry.

***OAT code:*** 6355 ***OWC code:***  MA44

**Iranian Chalcolithic** ***Years BP:*** 7000 *-*5000

***Location:*** Iran.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in large villages with a chiefdom or simple

state form of political organization.

***OAT code:*** 6360 ***OWC code:***  MA47

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**Iranian Bronze Age** ***Years BP:*** 5000 *-*3500

***Location:*** Iran.

***Description:*** Sedentary agriculturalists living in villages and cities, some very large, and with

a state form of political organization. Pastoral nomads from the north begin

spreading into the region ca. 4000 BP.

***OAT code:*** 6365 ***OWC code:***  MA50