

# The World of the First Americans

## 🐾 People and Cultures

1. Turn to page 16 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at the photo. Match the American culture with some of its achievements.

### American Culture

- a. Incas
- b. Maya
- c. Aztecs

### Achievements

- Canals and aqueducts
- Road network and bookkeeping
- Calendar, carvings, and pyramids

## 🐾 Links Far and Near

2. Look at the map “Migration Through the Americas” and read the caption. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.

- a. Early Americans traveled through ice free areas.   T
- b. The Athabascan migration came from Europe.   F
- c. Glaciers blocked migration in South America.   F
- d. The Aleut and Inuit migration was the last prehistoric migration from Asia.  
  T
- e. All migration in the Americas was from north to south.   F
- f. The far north was settled first.   F

## 🐾 Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Look at the map “Empires of the Americas.” Circle the cultures that lived in the present-day United States. (Look at the map on pages 10–11 if you need help finding the United States.)

- a. Hopewell
- b. Aztec
- c. Hohokam
- d. Inca
- e. Maya
- f. Anasazi
- g. Mississippian

# The World of West Africa

## 📍 Links Far and Near

1. Turn to page 17 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at the photo and the map. Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

Kingdoms and empires in West Africa traded with Europe and Asia for many years. The West Africans traded gold, leather, and slaves for luxury goods and salt. Trade routes went across the Sahara with goods carried by camels.

Three important empires developed along the Niger River: Ghana, Mali, and Songhai. They each, in turn, dominated West Africa.

## 📍 Location

2. Look again at the photo and the map. Use the information to match the empire, kingdom, or group with its location.

Empire, Kingdom, or Group	Location
a. Songhai Empire	in the Sahara
b. Tuaregs	near the mouth of the Niger River
c. Bornu Empire	in West Africa
d. Kingdom of Benin	in northeast Africa and southwest Asia
e. Mameluke Empire	near Lake Chad

## ★ History Through Maps

3. Use the information from the map to complete the following timeline.

