

Directions: Use the indicated Websites to determine the origins of Native American Peoples. This is a webquest, if you do not know what something means, google it.

### Theory #1 – Alien Genesis

Due to the ethnic differences of people, some theorists of human origins postulated that aliens deposited different groups of human on the different regions of the planet. This theory assumes that aliens were scientists who postulated that different environments lead to different cultures and subspecies developing. This theory is supported by the similarities found in many cultures, such as pyramids.

<https://montanapioneer.com/legends-of-the-star-people/>

1. Where does the idea of ancient aliens and Native Americans come from?
2. Explain three roles of the Pleiades in Native American myths.
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  - 2.
  - 3.
3. What kind of interactions do the Lakota and Mahooty assert between Native Americans and Aliens?

<http://www.native-languages.org/iaq11.htm>

1. What is the response to the first question?
2. Why did the ancient peoples understand astronomy so well?
3. Why are more impressive monuments found in Central America than other parts of the Americas?
4. What are three reasons people believe Native Americans were introduced by aliens?

### Theory #2 – Beringia Land Bridge

Due to evidence from archaeological finds, it is postulated that hunters from northern Asia followed herds of game across the bridge. Support for this theory is rooted in animals which evolved on continents now separated from one another by water. Somehow these animals became distributed between the Eurasian and American landmasses. Most of the evidence to support this theory now rests at the bottom of the Bering Straits.

<https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/land-bridge/>

1. What is the “Land Bridge Theory?” How long has it been around?
2. How long ago does it appear Paleo-Americans migrated across the Land Bridge?
3. Describe the possible migration route, using names, based on the “Migration routes” map. (For the following, use Google to find the information to answer the questions)
4. What is a haplogroup? What is the importance of the A, B, C, and D haplogroup?

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beringia>

5. Describe the climate, plants and animals of Beringia.

<https://indiancountrymedianetwork.com/history/genealogy/the-death-of-the-bering-strait-theory/>

1. When was the Ice Sheet corridor likely able to sustain life? Why is this date significant?
2. In brief, describe how researchers proved the corridor was unable to sustain life until such a late date.
3. According to Willerslev, what does the late survivability of life in the corridor mean for populating the Americas?

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### Theory #3 – Coast Hopping

According to newly discovered climate and archaeological evidence, it is postulated that people are most likely to have arrived in the Americas by skirting the coast line and rapidly spreading along the coast. After a short period of time the people hit the maximum possible population for the coast and began to spread inland from the Pacific Coast to the interior of the American continents. All of the evidence to support this theory now rests at the bottom of the Bering Straits.

[http://www.sfu.museum/journey/an-en/postsecondaire-postsecondary/route\\_cotiere-coastal\\_route](http://www.sfu.museum/journey/an-en/postsecondaire-postsecondary/route_cotiere-coastal_route)

1. Summarize the “Coastal Route Theory”.

<http://www.ibtimes.com/who-kennewick-man-5-facts-about-9000-year-old-mystery-north-american-1669986>

2. What is the importance of the Kennewick man?

<http://archive.archaeology.org/online/features/coprolites/>

3. Why was the study of the “turds” “earth-shaking”?

[https://www.earthmagazine.org/sites/earthmagazine.org/files/2016-12/p29\\_EarliestEvidence.png](https://www.earthmagazine.org/sites/earthmagazine.org/files/2016-12/p29_EarliestEvidence.png)

1. What site shows the earliest evidence of human existence?
2. Research The Solutrean Theory on the internet. Summarize it in a paragraph and cite your source.
3. Research the Beringia Standstill hypotheses on the internet. Summarize it in a paragraph and cite your source.
4. Put the sites in chronological order, including name and date.
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Final Question: Which theory do you think is the most plausible? Explain why you find it so reasonable, and why you think the others are not.

Preferred Theory:	
Reason 1 for	
Reason 2 for	
Reason 3 for	

Least Wrong Theory:	
Reason 1 against	
Reason 2 against	

Reason 3 against	
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Most Wrong Theory:

Reason 1 against	
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Reason 2 against	
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Reason 3 against	
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