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GUIDED READING *The Earliest Americans*

Section 1

A. Determining Main Ideas As you read about the earliest Americans, take notes to answer questions about their way of life.

The earliest Americans lived as hunters and gatherers.

1. According to most experts, when and how did the first Americans arrive in North America?	2. As large animals became extinct, how did hunters adapt to this change in their environment?
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The earliest Americans began to experiment with simple methods of farming.

3. How did farming develop in what is now central Mexico?	4. What crops grew well in the tropical climate of Mexico?
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Agriculture dramatically changed peoples' way of life.

5. How did farming affect where people lived?	6. How did farming affect the structure of society?
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B. Clarifying On the back of this paper, explain how the following terms and names relate to the earliest Americans.

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