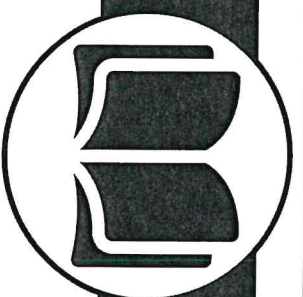


# 7th Grade History



## Summer Work and Supplies

As a 7th Grade, we will be focusing on early American history, from the Bering Land Bridge to the Industrial Revolution! We'll be taking lots of notes which means you'll need some supplies! Please make sure you come to class with:

A spiral or composition notebook  
Pens and pencils (any color is fine)

This summer, I will be having you read about the Early Americans so we can dive right in! You will be required to complete two activities. These are listed below.

### 1. Beringia by Kim Godwin

1. Read the article
2. Complete the Beringia Close Reading Activity

### 1. Watch the four videos and answer the questions attached.

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6eBJdca14> - Mayan Civilization
  1. Where in the world were Maya Civilizations?
  2. What are two important inventions created by the Maya's?
  3. What was unique about the Maya writing system?
  4. What do you believe happened to the Maya civilizations?
2. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzIozW4EzIo&ab\\_channel=DJleblanc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzIozW4EzIo&ab_channel=DJleblanc) - Aztec Empire
  1. In what time period did the Aztec Empire rule?
  2. What did all the Aztec tribes have in common?
  3. What is the Triple Alliance?
  4. How did the Aztec Empire fall?
3. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPRE\\_XEbkW&ab\\_channel=Mrs.SeibertMrs.Seibert-Inca Empire](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPRE_XEbkW&ab_channel=Mrs.SeibertMrs.Seibert-Inca Empire)
  1. How large was the Incan Empire? Be specific! In which modern countries was the Incan Empire established?
  2. What was the capital city?
  3. What was the main language?
  4. How did the Incan Empire end?
4. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHyIeujiuw&ab\\_channel=SarahBlack](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHyIeujiuw&ab_channel=SarahBlack)
  1. What is a "culture area"?
  2. Which civilization was the oldest? How did this impact future civilizations?
  3. What is cultural diffusion? Can you give a modern day example?

Enjoy your summer and remember to bring in your work on the first day! These will count as homework grades!

Questions can be sent to my email at [lhannon@belovedccs.org](mailto:lhannon@belovedccs.org)

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# BERINGIA

By Kim Godwin



**Directions: Read the following article. Then answer the 'Think About It' questions at the bottom of the page.**

Before Europeans came to America there were people already here. We refer to these people as Native Americans because they were native to the land. But have you ever wondered how the Native Americans got here? Many scientists have wondered the same thing. After many years of research, most archaeologists and anthropologists agree on the Land Bridge Theory. This theory, states that people migrated from Siberia to Alaska following large game herds. These new immigrants then spread out into various parts of North America over thousands of years. This migration was possible because 12,000 years ago, during the last Ice Age, ocean water levels were much lower. The lower water levels allowed Siberia and North America to connect by exposed land. After the Ice Age ended, water levels rose and covered the land bridge.

Today the land bridge, also called Beringia, is completely covered by the Bering Sea. Beringia was named in 1937 by a Swedish botanist named Eric Hultén. Beringia and the Bering Sea were named in honor of Danish explorer Vitus Jonassen Bering, who explored Siberia in 1725 under the orders of Peter the Great. Bering's exploration proved that Asia and North America were not joined together and were actually separated by a strait, later named the Bering Strait.

## THINK ABOUT IT

**Answer each of the following in complete sentences:**

1. Explain in your own words how it is believed the first people entered North America.
2. Why did this group of people migrate to a new land?
3. How do you think North America would be different today if the Ice Age had not lowered water levels exposing the Beringia?

# Vocabulary

1. **land bridge:** a strip of land connecting two landmasses
2. **native:** belonging to a particular place by birth
3. **archaeology:** the scientific study of material remains of past human life and activities
4. **anthropology:** the study of human beings and their ancestors
5. **Siberia:** a part of Russia on the Asian continent
6. **migrate:** to move from one place to another
7. **immigrant:** a person who permanently moves to a new location
8. **botany:** the science of plant life

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## Beringia Cloze Activity

Directions: Fill in the missing words with words you recall from reading the article.

Before \_\_\_\_\_ (1) came to America there were \_\_\_\_\_ (2) already here. We refer to these people as \_\_\_\_\_ (3) because they were native to the land. But have you ever wondered how the Native Americans got here? Many \_\_\_\_\_ (4) have wondered the same thing. After many years of research, most \_\_\_\_\_ (5) and anthropologists agree on the \_\_\_\_\_ (6) Theory. This theory, states that people migrated from \_\_\_\_\_ (7) to Alaska following large game herds. These new immigrants then spread out into various parts of North America over \_\_\_\_\_ (8) of years. This migration was possible because 12,000 years ago, during the last \_\_\_\_\_ (9), ocean water levels were much \_\_\_\_\_ (10). The lower water levels allowed Siberia and North America to connect by exposed \_\_\_\_\_ (11). After the ice age ended, water levels rose and \_\_\_\_\_ (12) the land bridge.

Today the land bridge, also called \_\_\_\_\_ (13), is completely covered by the \_\_\_\_\_ (14) Sea. Beringia was named in 1937 by a Swedish botanist named Eric Hultén. Beringia and the Bering Sea were named in honor of Danish explorer Vitus Jonassen Bering, who explored Siberia in 1725 under the orders of Peter the Great. Bering's exploration proved that Asia and North America were not joined together and were actually separated by a \_\_\_\_\_ (15), later named the Bering Strait.

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## Beringia Cloze Activity

Directions: Use the word bank to fill in the blanks with words you recall from reading the article.

### WORD BANK

Bering  
people  
Land Bridge  
lower  
strait  
boat

Beringia  
Native Americans  
trees  
Siberia  
thousands  
land

German  
scientists  
archaeologists  
Ice Age  
Covered  
Europeans

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