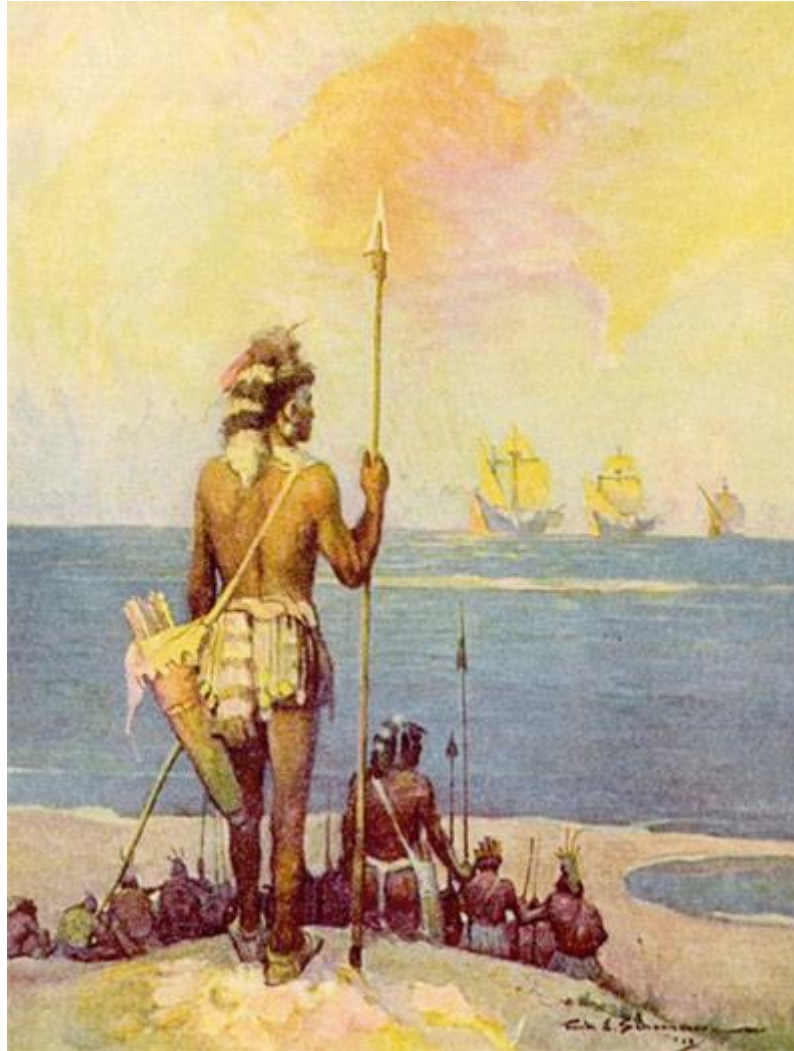


# The First South Carolinians



# I. How did 1<sup>st</sup> humans get to SC?

A. Land Bridge Theory- During ICE AGE, groups of people from Asia came over the Bearing Sea

1. Why? hunting large migratory animals
2. When? 40,000 years ago
3. came into SC 15,000 years ago.
4. People in this migration are called “Clovis People”

B. Topper Site:

1. In 2004, ancient tools found in Allendale County, SC
2. these tools appear to be 50,000 years older than the oldest Clovis tools
3. artifacts from this site challenge our ideas about the first Americans.



# Topper Site pictures



## II. Prehistoric periods in SC

A. Historians have categories for prehistoric periods, based on artifacts that have been discovered.

1. Pre-projectile period

- a. 13,000-9,000 B.C. (ice age in SC)
- b. Big Game hunting
- c. Scrapers, Choppers used as tools
- d. Temporary camps





## II. Prehistoric people in SC

### 2. Paleo Indian Period

- a. 9000 BC- 8000 BC (end of Ice Age)
- b. Hunting smaller game
- c. Small stone tools and spear points
- d. campsites

### 3. Archaic Period

- a. 8000-1000 BC
- b. Hunting and Gathering
- c. Thick bowls, Ground stone axes, arrow heads, woven baskets
- d. Semi-permanent dwellings



## II. Prehistoric people in SC

### 4. Woodland period

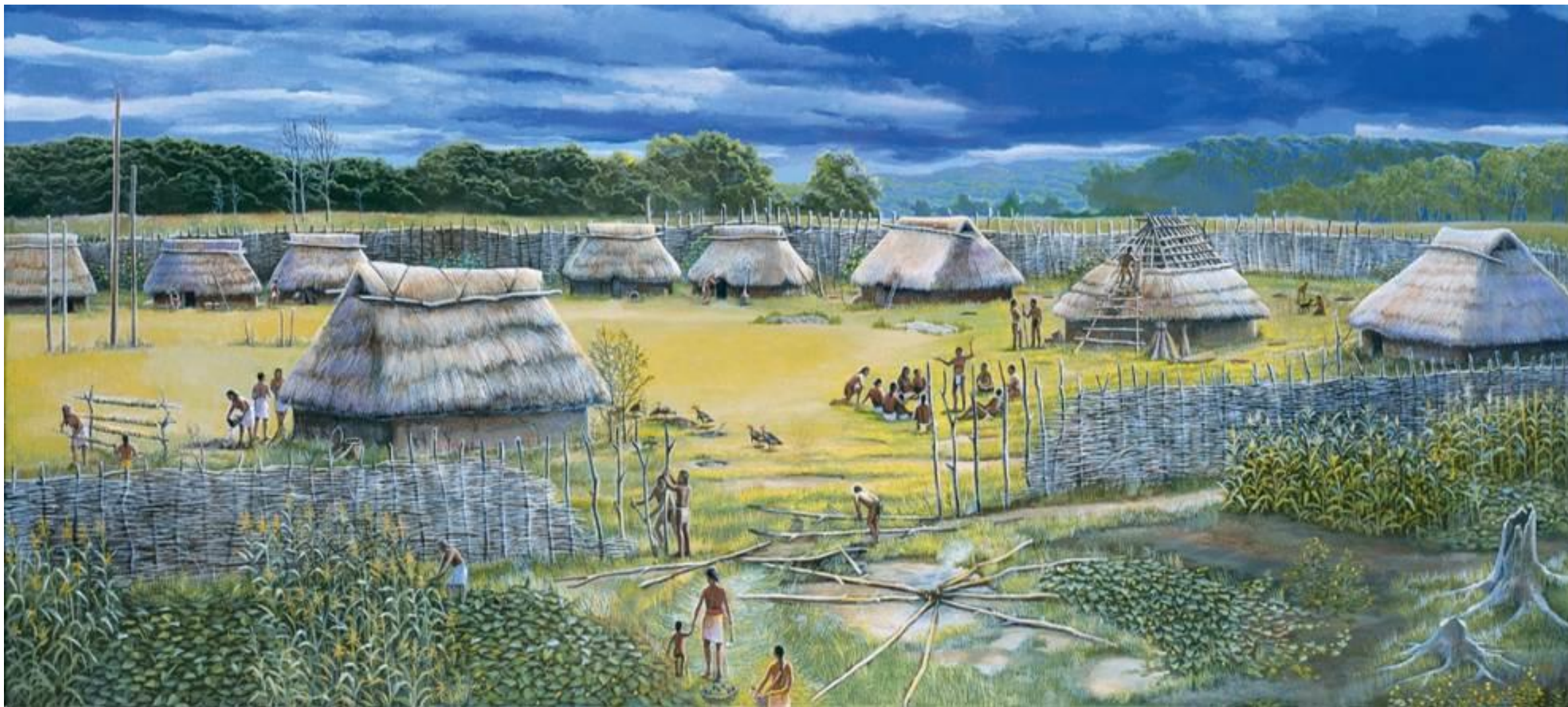
- a. 1000 BC-1150 AD
- b. Hunting, gathering, gardening
- c. Small villages, burial mounds, small arrowheads, pottery

### 5. Mississippian period

- a. 1150-1550 AD
- b. Hunting, gathering, farming
- c. Large villages, temple mounds, decorated pottery, arrowheads



# Mississippian Village



## II. Prehistoric people in SC

### 6. Historic Period

a. 1550- Forward

b. Hunting, Gathering, Farming, TRADING

c. Larger Villages, Decorated pottery

FIRST CONTACT WITH EUROPEANS!

d. Europeans began documenting natives in **written form**



# Cherokee Warriors



### III. 4 distinct **cultural groups** living in SC

#### A. Siouan

1. Lived in NORTH CENTRAL and PEEDEE region of SC
2. Included Catawba, Cheraw, Peedee tribes

#### B. Iroquoian

1. lived in Northwestern SC
2. Included the Cherokee tribe

### III. 4 distinct **cultural groups** living in SC

#### C. Algonquian

1. Lived along the Savannah River
2. Included Saluda, Yuchi and Savannah tribes

#### D. Muskogean

1. lived along atlantic coast, south of Winyah Bay
2. Included Cusabo, Kiawah, and Yamasee

## IV. eastern woodlands tribes:

- A. Included all tribes from Mississippi River to Atlantic Ocean
- B. Mostly dwelled in wooded areas
- C. Included both COASTAL and INLAND tribes
- D. Hunting, Gathering, Farming Fishing
- E. Tribes often formed political CONFEDERACIES with each other
- F. Each tribe had Distict LANGUAGES and CUSTOMS
- G. Women: Farmed Men: Hunted/Fought
- H. Both Men and women had roles in Govt



# V. SC Tribes

- A. Pre-European Native Population IN SC: 17,000-30,000 and over 50 tribes!
- B. By 1715, Native Population was 7,500 because of Euro. Diseases
- C. Many tribes disappeared or joined with larger tribes
- D. Most important tribes:
  - 1. Cherokee
    - a. Cherokee means “people of different speech” or “outsiders”
    - b. Cherokee lived in SC, NC, TN, VA, WV, KY, GA, AL
    - c. In SC, mostly in BLUE RIDGE/PIEDMONT
    - d. Enemies of the Catawba
    - e. Governed by a “Red Chief” and a “white chief” and a council

