

1  **Three Worlds Meet**

Chapter 1

American History

American History Honors

2  **(1.1) Peopling the Americas**

- ▶ Migration and Land Bridge Concept
- ▶ Hunter-Gatherers and Nomadic Life
- ▶ Some debate about migration (since 2000)
- ▶ Complex societies:
  - OLMEC – Southern Mexico (near Gulf)
  - MAYA – Central America (Guatemala)
  - AZTEC – Central Mexico
  - INCA – South America

3  **Bering Land Strait**

4  **Other Groups**

- ▶ **Adena & Hopewell** – Ohio River Valley (trading societies; build mounds)
- ▶ **Mississippian** – Mississippi River Valley; West of App. Mountains (giant pyramidal mounds)
- ▶ **Anasazi & Hohokam** – Southwestern US

5  **Three Worlds...**

- ▶ Native Americans
- ▶ Africans (as slaves, later)
- ▶ Europeans

6  **(1.2) Native America**

- ▶ Much diversity in North America
- ▶ California: see groups page 9
- ▶ Northwest Coast
- ▶ Southwest (Pueblo\*)
- ▶ Eastern Woodlands (Iroquois\*)

7  **Culture and Society**

- ▶ Trading Networks – important
- ▶ Land use (no concept of ownership)
- ▶ Religious beliefs – spirits for the natural world
- ▶ Kinship network
- ▶ Division of Labor – tasks assigned by gender, age, status
- ▶ NOT ALL GROUPS ALIKE

8  **(1.3) West African Society**

- ▶ Contact with other civilizations: Sahara Highway; Spread of Islam; Portugese
- ▶ Three African Kingdoms: relate to American colonization...
  - Warm climate
  - Rice production
  - Slave system
- ▶ Africans brought to the New World will try to retain culture and religion

9  **(1.4) European Society**

- ▶ Social History
- ▶ REVIEW: European History – Crusades to Reformation
- ▶ Growth of Nation-States, Commerce and Trade

10  **Age of Exploration**

- ▶ Marco Polo to Asia
- ▶ New technology for sailing
- ▶ Portugal leads overseas exploration

11  **(1.5) Encounter!**

- ▶ Christopher Columbus – October 12, 1492
- ▶ Goals of the voyage

12  **Results**

- ▶ Columbian Exchange
- ▶ Spain and Portugal divide with the 1494 Treaty of Tordesillas (Pope Alexander VI)
- ▶ New Society...