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Cahokia & the Mississippian Culture; Vocabulary list

prehistoric - period before written history

archeologist - person who collects and studies artifacts of the past and who attempts to explain people's way of life from this evidence

charnel house - a building where a dead body is prepared for burial

culture - the way of life led by a group of people that includes their knowledge, beliefs, customs, rules and things they made

flint - very hard stone that can be shaped by chipping into a cutting tool or arrow points

granary - building for storing food products or corn

plaza - open courtyard surrounded by buildings and other structures

woodhenge - a great circle of posts used as a sun calendar