

**Unit 1 Wisconsin History:
Early Peoples of Wisconsin
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Online resources about Early Peoples of Wisconsin

Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center. (2004). *Early cultures: Pre-European peoples of Wisconsin*. Retrieved from

<http://mvac.uwlax.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/AllTraditions-2.pdf>

The website contains 52 pages of text and images of the first people of Wisconsin: the Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, Mississippian, and Oneota. The website also contains a chart for each culture summarizing the food, tools, shelter, and social and political structures. The remaining 30 pages of the website explains how archaeologists investigate early people, the resources available to early people, the different archaeological sites investigated in Wisconsin, and a glossary of important concepts and terms.

Video about Early Peoples of Wisconsin

Investigating Wisconsin History: The First Peoples of Wisconsin (13:01 minutes) at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaklyh9oZ9Q>

Uploaded December 18, 2008

The video summarizes the first people of Wisconsin using archaeological evidence. It could be shown in segments focusing on each group of people.

The Archaic Period. (4:18 minutes) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9NnMVsjkAE>

Uploaded June 21, 2012

A video for The Museum of Native American History in Arkansas.

The video summarizes Archaic people's lifestyle.

Print resources for Early Peoples of Wisconsin

Holliday, D. Y. & Malone, B. (1997). *Digging and discovery: Wisconsin archaeology*. Madison, WI: State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The student text focuses on the Paleo people in chapter 2, the Archaic people in chapter 3, and the Woodland, Mississippian, and the Oneota in chapter 4. The teacher's edition describes activities for students to explore the seasonal cycle of Archaic life and to compare and contrast the lifeways of Woodland, Mississippian, and the Oneota peoples.