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Chapter 1 Three Societies on the Verge of Contact



What do **you** think?

Calling North America the “New World” is inaccurate.

Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

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Native America

- The first humans reach the Americas




Map 1.1. Settlement of Americas

Mid-Columbia Libraries. Facial reconstruction by Dr. James C. Chatters and Thomas McClelland; Bronze cast by Thomas McClelland 2005



The Paleo-Indian era: The first settlers (15,000 – 10,000 years ago)

- Arrival
- Expansion and Development



The Archaic Era: Forging an agricultural society (10,000 – 2,500 years ago)

- Rise of sedentary societies

The Pre-Columbian Era: Developing civilizations (500 BCE – 1500 CE)


- The Anasazi
- The Mississippians



The Art Archive/National Anthropological
Museum Mexico/Gianni Dagli Orti



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The Serpent Mound in Ohio, nearly a quarter of a mile long, is the largest and finest surviving serpentine earthwork, putting on dramatic display the pre-Columbian peoples' capacity to transform their world.

North America in 1492

- Land of diverse cultures and languages



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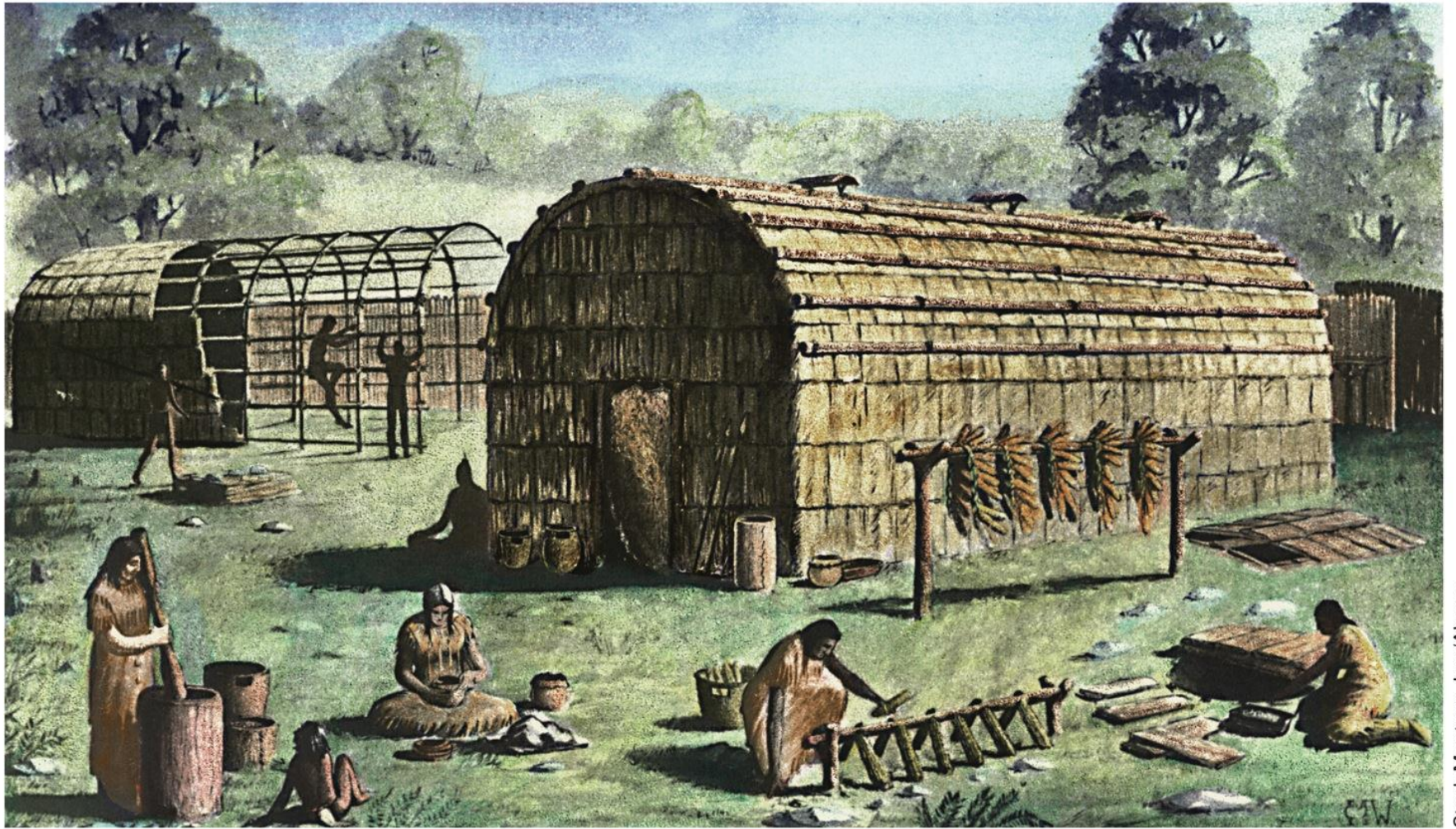
Regional Variations

- The Northeast
- The Mid-Atlantic
- The Southeast
- The Prairies
- The High Plains
- The Southwest
- The Northwest



Intertribal Harmony and Hostility

- Wampum
- Roanoke





Map 1.2. Tribes of North America

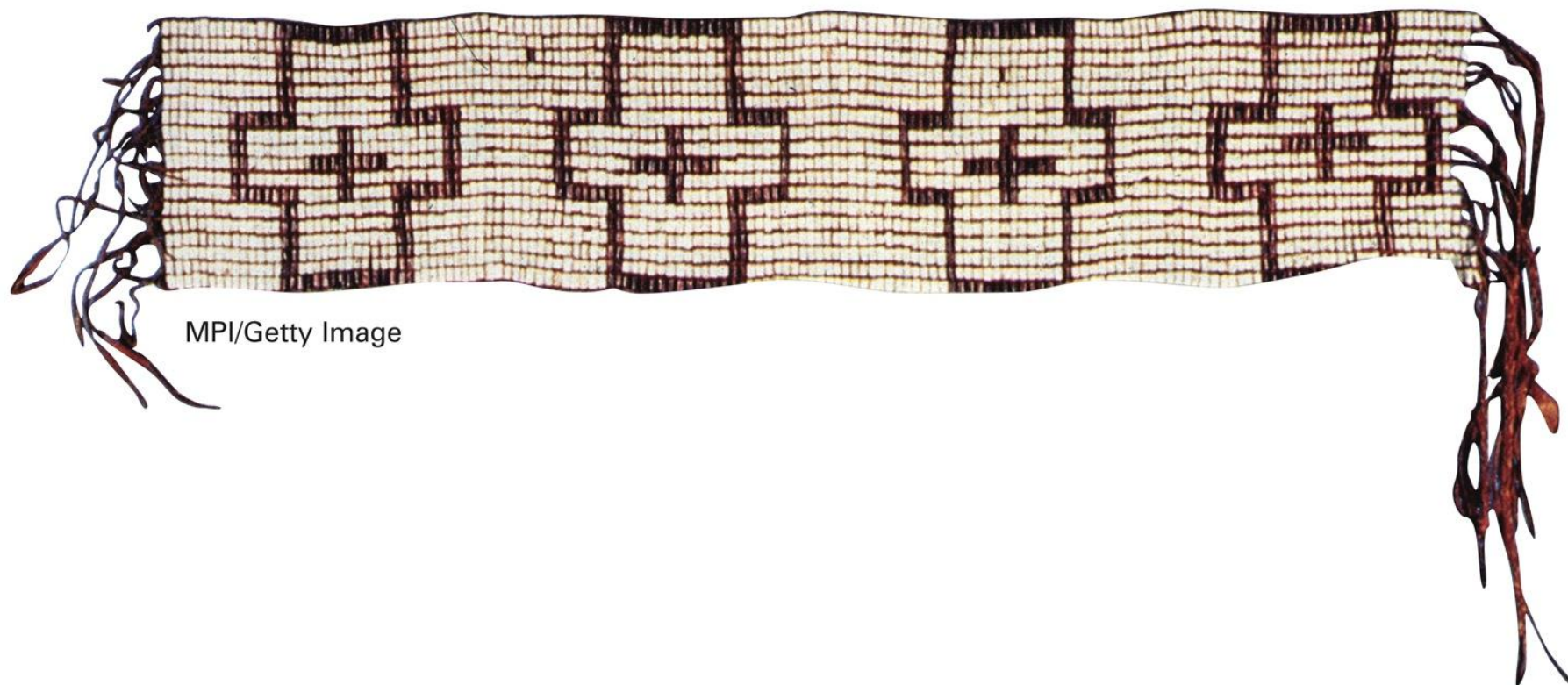


Economics

- Indians and Trade
- Concept of Property

Africa

- 250,000 African slaves in North America by 18th century
- Most from West Africans from Lower Guinea



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Politics

- Ghana
- Mali
- Songhay, Benin, and Kongo

Society

- Agricultural
- Matrilineal
- Slave-owning
- Slaves in West Africa not lifelong or hereditary

Religion and Thought

- Traditional African religions
- Family Loyalty



Map 1.3. Africa in 1500



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Africa on the Eve of Contact

- Large Kingdoms
- Agriculture and Arts
- Sophisticated Societies

Europe

- Majority of newcomers in North America from Europe

Europe up to 1492

- Feudalism
- Manors
- Serfs

The decline of feudalism

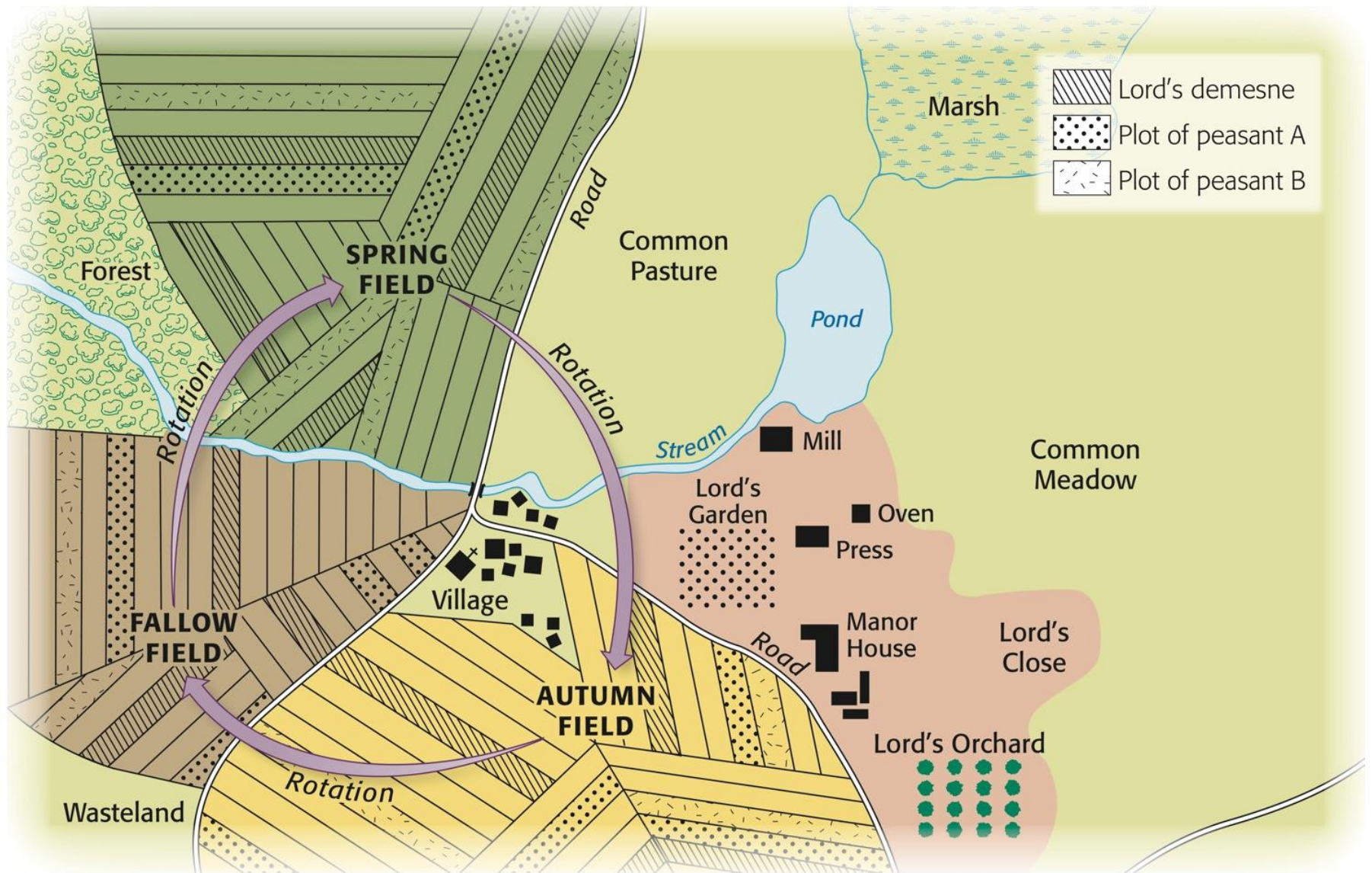
- Society
- The Renaissance

The decline of Catholic Europe

- Change
- The Reformation

Europe in 1492

- Spain
- Portugal
- France
- England







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What else was happening . . .

c. 200,000 B.C.E.	The earliest humans appear in Africa.
16,000 B.C.E.	The last Ice Age reaches its coldest point; people in Asia, across Beringia, live in huts made from wooly mammoth bones.
2500 B.C.E.	Age of the Egyptian pyramids.
0 C.E.	Rise of the Roman Empire, birth of Christ.
1023	Paper money is printed in China.
1300	Corsets for women are invented.
1300s	The Aztecs make “animal balloons” by creating inflated animals from the intestines of cats and present them to the gods as a sacrifice.
1489	The symbols + (addition) and – (subtraction) come into general use.