4.1 Describe the legacy and cultures of the major indigenous settlements in Tennessee, including the Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian. (Coats-Hines Site, Pinson Mounds, Old Stone Fort, Chucalissa Indian Village)

**Background Knowledge**

- Native Americans were the **first** people on North America, including Tennessee. (They are sometimes called Indians.)

*Archaeologists* (study of ancient people’s lives & culture) give us insight into their lives.*

**When did they come?**

- **Paleo** (15,000 B.C.)
- **Archaic** (7,000 B.C.)
- **Woodlands** (1,000 B.C.)
- **Mississippian** (1,000 A.D.)

B.C. = Before Christ

A.D. = Anno Domini

**Ancient Settlements**

- **Coats-Hines Site** – Paleo Indians
- **Old Stone Fort** – Archaic Indians
- **Pinson Mounds** – Woodland Indians
- **Chucalissa Indian Village** – Mississippian Indians
Paleo Indians’ **CULTURE**

**Paleo** means Old

- **Nomads** (move from place to place)
- **Food**: Hunters
  - Hunted animals (mostly **Mastodons**)
  - Followed wherever the animals migrated
- **Government**: None, Uncivilized
- **Housing**: brush shelters
- **Environment**: Ice Age (climate was very cold)

Paleo Indians’ **LEGACY**

- Spears
- Nets

Archaic Indians’ **CULTURE**
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- Lived in one place for long periods of time by a river, but would move for food source: **Nomads**
- **Food:** Hunters & Gatherers
  - Hunted animals
  - Gathered plants; cultivated existing plants
- **Government:** Villages with chiefs
- **Housing:** brush shelters & wood houses
- **Environment:** Ice Age ended / Earth’s warmer

**Archaic Indians’ LEGACY**

- Stone pots
- Spear points
- Polished stone
- Weaving baskets

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**Woodland Indians’ CULTURE**

- Permanent housing & dwellings
- **Food:** Farmers
  - Raised animals
  - 1st to grow their own food
- **Housing:** wigwams & longhouses
- **Government:** Villages with chiefs
- Built larger burial MOUNDS
Woodland Indians’ **LEGACY**
- Pottery – created them artistically
- Agriculture – 1st farmers (to grow crops)
- Invented the Bow & Arrow
- Burial mounds – burial customs
- Trade – developed trade networks across the continent

Mississippian Indians’ **CULTURE**
- Lived along the MS river valley
- Largest & most complex society
- Known as mound builders; also built towns
- Food: Hunters, Farmers, & Gatherers
  - Hunted animals
  - Gathered berries; cultivated existing plants
- Housing: posts, clay, & grass
- Government: Chiefdoms with chiefs & priests
- Environment: Normal Seasons

Mississippian Indians’ **LEGACY**
- Developed a game (Game of Chungke)
- Jewelry & ornaments
- **Effigy pottery** – pottery shaped like humans & animals
- Farming
- Chiefdoms: a government more like today
- Burial customs: Mounds
Let’s see what you know???

*Write your answer on your whiteboard.

(1) Which of the early cultures had the most complex government, similar to ours today?

the Mississippian
(chiefdom & priests leading)

(2) Which culture built longhouses to live in?
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the Woodlands

(3) Which culture was around during the Ice Age and chased animals for food?

the Paleo

(4) Which two cultures were nomadic?
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**the Paleo & Archaic**

(5) Which culture developed the Bow & Arrow?  

**the Woodlands**

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