



# Found First

Since First grade, you heard Columbus came first.  
That he sailed the ocean blue to the west of the  
earth in the Santa Maria, Pinta, and the Nina.  
I got a question for you that will make your bubble  
burst.

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found? There were people here before Columbus  
touched the ground. The Iroquois, the Navajo,  
Apache too, Algonquian, the Inuit, and Sioux.

Natives came here a real long time ago.  
When that Bearing Strait was covered in ice and  
snow, that connected Asia to Alaska. So these  
nomads crossed it to gather fruit, and hunt like  
honey badgers do.

Wherever it went they went after food.

That was over 60,000 years ago!

Before Columbus's great great great grandfather  
was even born.

That's a long time, natives migrated, dwelled, and  
formed into tribes. They spread all over this  
continent. So when somebody celebrates Chris,  
tell them to use common sense.

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These Humans were one with the earth. only used  
what they need from the trees to things that  
breathe and feed on the green in the dirt. they  
adapted to the schemes that would work. Based  
on the region each group differed. Meaning if they  
lived by the trees they would eat those nuts that  
fell from the leaves to the dirt. If by the ocean they  
would fish. In the plains, bison were the main dish.

They didn't Hunt for sport though.  
They used the skin for their shirts,  
they made tools from the bones  
Bowstrings from sinew. From the hides, they made  
homes that they moved quickly because like nomads  
they would roam.

In the artic, in the winter made igloos then, in the  
summer they made kayaks from the caribou skin.  
In the southwest, they lived in apartments called  
pueblos that could house thousands.  
on the top of a mesa, made from adobe. Way before  
Erikson saw Greenland Homie!

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They adapted to environments, adjusted to their  
climate. They used natural resources when they found  
them. They weren't "Savages" in feathered caps!  
All you see on TV is them killing, I ain't having that  
They had culture! Each tribe has customs they  
believed in! if many tribes in an area had similar beliefs  
and language, that area is called a cultural region.  
They used the land to live and they taught their kids,  
that everything on this earth has a spirit.  
And the land isn't owned, it's used by the tribe or the  
village. Some farmed, some roamed. They were all  
different, except in one mind frame. When they saw a  
white man asking them to buy land planting his flag,  
every native asked "How can he call it 'My' land?"