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Use information in the online exhibit to complete this worksheet.

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Watch the video "From the Top" to get started exploring this exhibit. Why do archeologists call the earliest people in Texas Paleoindians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ORIGIN STORIES



### Shared Beginnings

Many years ago humans began moving around the planet from \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually, they came to North America and arrived in Texas.

### Sacred Stories

One Caddo creation story tells how their ancestors were led to this land by the First Chief, who was called \_\_\_\_\_, the moon.

### When Did People Get Here?

What is the difference between the 2 maps in this section? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### How Did People Get Here?

How did people get to Texas? Explain why the answer is complicated. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### A Texas-sized Discovery

How did absolute dating and relative dating techniques help scientists determine that people using Clovis tools were NOT the oldest Americans? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Learning More

What are some things young researchers are doing to learn more about Paleoindians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ICE-AGE TEXAS

### A Different World

What do you notice about Houston today compared to Houston during the most recent ice age?

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### Amazing Animals



Share a fun fact about an extinct animal that was living in Texas during the Ice Age. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Monsters and Mayhem

How do extinct ice-age animals possibly connect to many stories about monsters told by Native Americans across Texas and North America? \_\_\_\_\_



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### More Offshore?

Why have many artifacts and bones washed up on a beach in Texas? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Extinction

Scientists are still unsure whether climate change, a comet, or human impact caused the major \_\_\_\_\_ event that killed off saber-toothed cats, mammoths, and giant sloths.

### That's Important?

Why do archeologists collect everything at a site and document specific locations of anything collected? Give an example in your explanation. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DAILY LIFE

### Essential Inventory

What were some tools used by Paleoindians? How did they use them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

### (Not Just) Stone Age

Paleoindians did hunt \_\_\_\_\_, but the majority of their diet consisted of smaller animals and a variety of native Texas plants.



### What Was For Dinner?

Explain how we know Paleoindians were hunter-gatherers and what evidence shows us what they ate.  
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### Life Lessons

Native American \_\_\_\_\_ were experts in surviving and thriving in what we now call Texas. That knowledge was passed down through the generations and is still shared today.

### Paleo Pets

Archeologists have discovered \_\_\_\_\_ around campsites that shows us that Paleoindians loved man's best friend just like we do today.

### Written in Stone

How does microscopic evidence help archeologists understand the stone artifacts they discover? Use a specific example from the site to explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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