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Written in a clear and engaging style, **Native Americans and the Sunshine State** is packed with fascinating facts, stunning photographs, and insightful interviews with Native American leaders and scholars.

This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the true history of Florida and the important role that Native Americans have played in shaping the state's culture and identity.

Chapter 1: The First Peoples

The Paleo-Indians

The Paleo-Indians were the first people to inhabit Florida. They arrived in the state around 12,000 years ago, during the last Ice Age. The Paleo-Indians were nomadic hunter-gatherers who relied on the land for their food and shelter. They hunted animals such as mammoths, mastodons, and giant ground sloths. They also gathered plants, fruits, and nuts.

The Paleo-Indians lived in small bands of 20 to 30 people. They were constantly on the move, following the herds of animals that they hunted. They built temporary shelters out of wood, leaves, and animal skins.

The Paleo-Indians left behind a number of artifacts that provide clues to their way of life. These artifacts include stone tools, bone tools, and pottery. The Paleo-

Indians also created rock art, which can be found in caves and rock shelters throughout Florida.

The Paleo-Indian period came to an end around 8,000 years ago, when the climate began to warm and the glaciers melted. The Paleo-Indians were forced to adapt to a new environment, and their way of life changed dramatically.

The Paleo-Indians were the first people to inhabit Florida, and their legacy can still be seen today. Their artifacts and rock art provide a glimpse into their lives and culture. The Paleo-Indians were a resilient people who were able to adapt to a changing environment. They laid the foundation for the rich and diverse history of Native Americans in Florida.

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The Archaic Period

The Archaic Period in Florida began around 8,000 BC and lasted until about 500 BC. During this period, the climate in Florida was much warmer and drier than it is today, and the sea level was much lower. This created a land bridge between Florida and the rest of North America, which allowed people and animals to migrate into the region.

The Archaic Period is divided into three subperiods: the Early Archaic, the Middle Archaic, and the Late Archaic. During the Early Archaic, people in Florida lived in small, nomadic bands and hunted and gathered for food. They made tools and weapons from stone, bone, and wood, and they lived in temporary shelters made from branches and leaves.

During the Middle Archaic, people in Florida began to develop more complex societies and technologies. They

began to build more permanent settlements, and they began to cultivate crops such as corn, beans, and squash. They also began to make pottery and to weave baskets.

During the Late Archaic, people in Florida continued to develop their societies and technologies. They began to build large, complex villages and to trade with other groups in the region. They also began to make more sophisticated tools and weapons, and they began to use bows and arrows for hunting.

The Archaic Period was a time of great change and development in Florida. During this period, people in Florida adapted to a changing climate and environment, and they developed new technologies and societies. The Archaic Period laid the foundation for the development of complex societies in Florida during the later Woodland and Mississippian periods.

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The Woodland Period

The Woodland Period in Florida began around 2,000 years ago and lasted until the arrival of Europeans in the 16th century. During this period, Native Americans in Florida developed a more complex culture and way of life. They began to build permanent villages, cultivate crops, and make pottery. They also developed a sophisticated system of trade and exchange with other Native American groups in the region.

One of the most important developments during the Woodland Period was the emergence of the Mississippian culture. The Mississippian culture was a complex society that developed in the southeastern United States, and it had a significant impact on Native Americans in Florida. The Mississippians built large mound complexes, which were used for religious and

ceremonial purposes. They also developed a system of social hierarchy and political organization.

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