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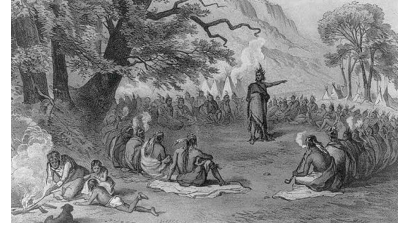
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# Discovering America - Vocab Cards

## Arawak ]>

**indigenous people of South American and the Caribbean.**

The \_Arawak\_ people now mostly live in northern South America, but they used to live across the West Indies as well.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

## Aztec ]>

**a member of an advanced Mesoamerican civilization, indigenous to present-day central Mexico and conquered by Spain in 1519.**

Before they were conquered by the Spanish, the \_Aztec\_ people had established an advanced civilization that included large cities in central Mexico.



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## Bering Strait ]>

**the waterway that separates Alaska and Russia. Thousands of years ago, the continents of Russia and Asia were connected at this point by a land bridge.**

The Pacific and Arctic Oceans are connected by the \_Bering Strait\_, which flows between Alaska and Russia.



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## Christopher Columbus ]>

**an Italian explorer who led several transatlantic voyages for Spain. He landed in the New World in 1492.**

For a long time, many people said that \_Christopher Columbus\_ “discovered” America when he sailed there in 1492, but now we say that he landed on it because many native people were already living there when he arrived.



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**domestication ]>**

**to breed or train; to tame a wild animal to live with humans.**

The owners of the ranch will \_domesticate\_ the horses, getting them used to being with people.



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**ice age ]>**

**a long period of low temperatures on Earth, causing the expansion of ice caps and glaciers.**

There were once glaciers in this area, but they receded after the last \_ice age\_ thousands of years ago.



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**maize ]>**

**a grain that grows on the ears of a tall plant; an early ancestor of modern corn.**

Our Thanksgiving table was decorated with colorful husks of \_maize\_.



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**Mayan ]>**

**a member an advanced Mesoamerican civilization, known for its hieroglyph writing system and indigenous to present-day southern Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador and Honduras.**

The \_Mayan\_ people, originally from parts of Central America that include southern Mexico, created a civilization with an advanced writing system.



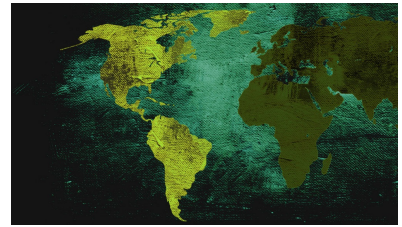
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## **New World ]>**

**the Western Hemisphere, made up of North and South America.**

European explorers and conquerers called North and South America the \_New World\_.



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## **nomadic ]>**

**moving about from place to place without settling down.**

The old cowboy lived a \_nomadic\_ lifestyle: He rode from town to town but never stayed anywhere for long.

Synonyms: pastoral, wandering, drifting

Antonyms: settled, permanent



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