

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM**  
**PRE-VISIT MATERIALS**  
**Grades K-3**

**NATIVE AMERICANS:**  
**THE FIRST SOUTH CAROLINIANS**

**TO THE TEACHER:**

The pre-visit packet contains: lesson background, curriculum standards, and terms and definitions.

GRADES:	K-3
LENGTH OF LESSON:	30 minutes
CLASS SIZE:	30 students max.

During the tour, docents will introduce students to South Carolina's unique history and her people. Activities are designed to:

- Highlight significant contributions of Native American culture in South Carolina.
- Recount important historical events using museum exhibits.

Native American culture dominated what is now South Carolina for thousands of years before the arrival of the Europeans. Artifacts from archaeological sites tell us that our state has been occupied by people for nearly 14,000 years.

Recovered artifacts provide invaluable information about the types of tools, housing, and crafts from the Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian Indians. A "Then" and "Now" activity will assist participants in understanding the similarities and differences between Native American tools and contemporary tools. Participants will also experience daily life in a coastal village via a life-size exhibit diorama.

**Social Studies Curriculum by Grade according  
to South Carolina State Standards**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>K-1.1; K-5.4</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> grade</b>	<b>1-1.2; 1-2.2; 1-6.1</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade</b>	<b>2-1.1; 2-1.3; 2-2.4</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> grade</b>	<b>3-2.4; 3-2.5</b>

## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

1. **adaptation** - A change to fit a new situation.
2. **Archaic Indians** - Ancient people that lived in South Carolina about 10,000 to 3,000 years ago. They used atlatls, or spear-throwers, to hunt large animals. They also gathered nuts and berries.
4. **extinct** – No surviving individuals exist of a given species.
5. **land bridge** - Connection between land masses where animals and plants travel across and begin to live in new lands. These masses would at other times be separate.
6. **Mississippian Indians** – Ancient people that lived in South Carolina 1,000 to 300 years ago. They built structures on top of earthen mounds.
7. **Paleo-Indians** – Nomadic hunter-gatherers believed to be the first inhabitants of North America. \
8. **stockade** - A fence made from cut timber. It helped to protect a village.
9. **Woodland Indians** - Ancient people that lived in South Carolina 3,000 to 1,200 years ago. They were skilled pottery makers and hunted using the bow and arrow.