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control

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A small group of humans.

To influence or have power over something or someone.

extinct

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fuel

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A plant or animal species that no longer exists.

A source of energy, such as wood, gasoline, natural gas, or coal.

gather

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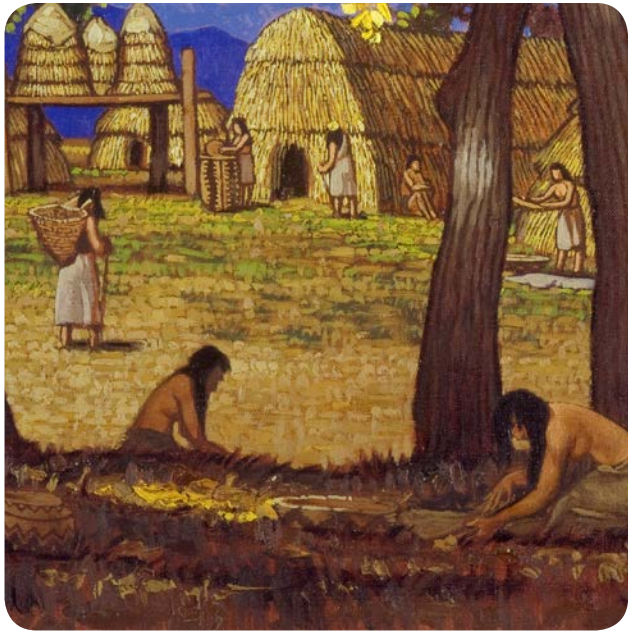
hunt

To collect or catch resources, such as crops, fish, and timber.

To seek out and kill animals.



hunter-gatherers

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migrate

Humans who survive by collecting and eating foods from their surroundings.

To move from one location to another in order to live in the new place.

natural resources

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Paleolithic period

The period between 2.5 million years ago and 12,000 years ago, during which early “Stone Age” human culture was marked by the steady development of tools, first made of stone and then of more sophisticated materials.

Materials, such as soil, water, minerals, and energy, that people use from nature and natural systems.

population

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preserve

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The number of individuals of a species living in a place at a given time.

To treat food or other resources so that they are useful over a long period.

theory

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tool

A group of ideas that when thought about together help to explain something.

A device used to help accomplish a task, such as an ax or hammer.