

Web Quest

1. What is Beringia?

The word “Beringia” as a geographic description today, is used the term to describe a vast area between the Kolyma river in the Russian far east to the Mackenzie river.

2. When was the last ice age and what significant event happened during it?

The last “ice age” occurred around 12-15000 years ago. During the period the shallow seas now separating Asia from north America near the present day Bering Strait dropped about 300 feet and created a 1000 mile wide grassland steppe, linking Asia and North America together with the “Beringia Land bridge”.

3. What evidence is there to support the land bridge theory?

Beringia land bridge national preserve commemorates this prehistoric peopling of the Americas from Asia some 13,000 or more years ago. It also preserves important future clues in this great detective story regarding human presence in the American.

4. Where did the first people come from?

No one knows exactly when people first found the land that would be called Alaska. Some anthropologists believe that people migrated from Asia to North America as long as 40,000 years ago. Others argue it was as recent as 15,000 years ago. When ever it happened, the consensus is that came from Asia by the way of a northern land bridge that once connected Siberia and Alaska.

5. Why did they come here?

These first visitors were hardly tourists intent on exploring new worlds. Rather they were simply pursuing their subsistence way of life as they followed great herds of grazing mammals across the grassy tundra.

Reflection

What we thought of it was that we enjoyed it because we learned something about the aboriginal people.

If we could have changed something we would have changed the topic. We would have made the topic on animals .