# A Continent of Villages

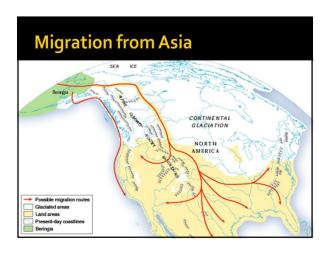
# **Chapter Focus Questions**

- Who were the migrants that peopled the Americas?
- How did native cultures adapt to the regions of North America?
- How did the development of farming increase the complexity of native societies?
  What was the nature of Indian culture in the
- What was the nature of Indian culture in the three major regions of European invasion and settlement?

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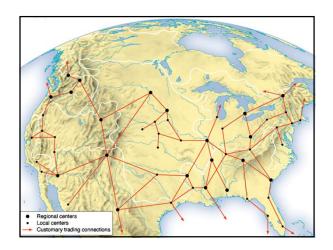














## **Increasing Social Complexity**

- Farming stimulated increasing social complexity.
- Families grouped into clans that bound people into tribes.
- Tribes led by clan leaders
  - advised by councils of elders.
  - responsible for food.
- Gender strictly divided labor.
- Marriage ties were generally weak.
- Growing populations required larger surpluses

### Farmers of the Southwest

- Farming began to emerge in the Southwest during the first millennium B.C.E.
- The Mogollon:
  - 1st to practice agriculture, growing maize, beans, and squash
  - Pit houses in permanent villages
  - about 250 B.C.E. to C.E. 1450
- The Hohokam:
  - Salt and Gila Rivers between C.E. 300 to 1500
  - developed the 1st irrigation system
  - shared many traits with Mesoamerican civilization.

### The Anasazis/C

- Anasazi culture arose on plateau of Colorado River
  - present-day Four Corners
    - Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico
- Pueblo Bonio
- twelfth century
- Anasazis







