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| Cliff Dwellers & Mound Builders |
| Cliff Dwellers   * Located in southwest region of U.S. * Irrigation system (watering crops) * Pueblo style * Cliff buildings, height gave protection * Some of most dramatic * Stone houses with ladder or rope to access * Used to look out * Good shade; not too hot * 3 main cultures – all farming   + Hohokam   + Anasazi   + Mogollon |
| Mound Builders   * Midwest and southeast region of U.S. (Mississippi River to Appalachians) * Elaborate mounds for ceremonial purposes * Burial chambers * Used for ceremonies and perhaps daily living * Lots of natural resources – good soil, plentiful game * Relatively wealthy (seen through artifacts, e.g. sculptures) * Big villages (10,000 plus people) * 3 main cultures:   + Adena   + Hopewell   + Mississippian |
| Both   * 500-1500 C.E. * No written records * Disappeared when European explorers made contact with them * Both civilizations suddenly disappeared – theories: European disease, internal struggles, lack of supplies/food? * Some related to later American Indian tribes; art and pottery link them as well * Full story may never be completely understood |