

STANDARD USI.3a

The student will apply social science skills to understand how early cultures developed in North America by

a) describing how archaeologists have recovered material evidence of ancient settlements, including Cactus Hill in Virginia;

Essential Understandings

Archaeology is the interpretation of material evidence remaining from past human activity.

Archaeological discoveries of early Indian settlements have been made in southeastern Virginia.

Essential Knowledge

Archaeologists study human behavior and cultures of the past through the recovery and analysis of artifacts.

Scientists are not in agreement about when and how people first arrived in the Western Hemisphere.

Cactus Hill is located on the Nottoway River in southeastern Virginia. Evidence that humans lived at Cactus Hill as early as 18,000 years ago makes it one of the oldest archaeological sites in North America.