



NAGPRA

- Is compromise possible?
 - “Do not disturb” vs “Research agenda”
- Two examples:
 - Black Earth Site, Illinois
 - Slack Farm Site, Kentucky

Protecting the past

- Cultural Resource Management
 - Federal laws since 1979
 - Archaeological impact statements
 - “Contract archaeology”
- Carrier Mills, Illinois
 - Text pp 160-167
 - Strip Mining
 - ❖ 3 large sites 6000-3500bp

Black Earth site

- 13 acres
- 3 concentrations
- Sampled middens & graves
 - Artifacts: “Middle Archaic Period”

Carrier Mills, Illinois

- Black Earth site
 - Bottomlands
 - 6000-5000 bp
 - Sedentary?
 - ❖ No structures
 - ❖ Activity areas & burials
 - Storage pits: long-term occupation?
 - Seasonal foods: annual cycle?

Animal foods

Year-round terrestrial game

Deer with antlers

Young deer

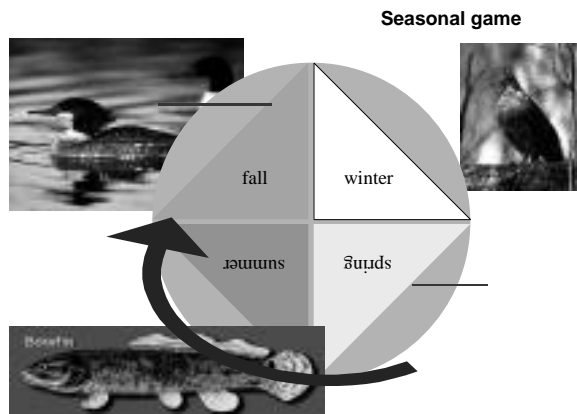
Year-round terrestrial game

fall

winter

summer

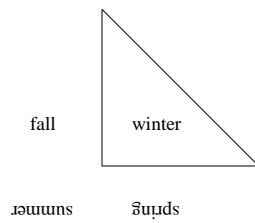
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Plant Foods




storage

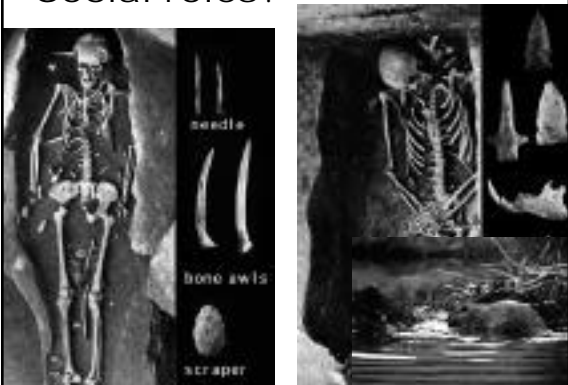


Wealth

- Grave goods
 - 25% of adults
 - Males v females
- "Haves" & "have-nots"
 - not egalitarian




Social roles?



Status

- Mortuary Styles
 - Flexed vs extended
- Status symbols
 - Exotic / expensive
- Acquired or inherited?



Archaic = Mesolithic

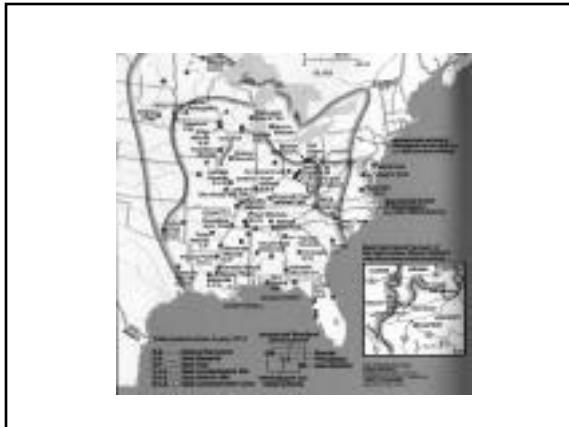
- Sedentism & Seasonality
 - Settling into post-glacial environments
- Complex Hunter-Gatherers
 - Economic intensification
 - Social implications?

Midwestern archaeology

- Paleo-Indian
- Archaic
- Woodland (Hopewell)
 - BC 2000 - AD 700
- Mississippian
 - AD 700 - contact

Mississippian Culture

- AD 900 - contact
- Complex settlements
 - Specialized maize agriculturalists
 - Extensive economic trade networks
 - Stratified society
 - Large, ceremonial centers
 - Chiefdom or State?
- Ch 6 in book: Cahokia (p 248)



Case: Slack Farm, KY

- Late
-AD
-First European site
- Protected by Slack family



Slack Farm sold

- 1987
- Plunder for Profit!
-Access to looters for \$10,000



Markets



Desseccated ground

- 700 burials
- Shawnee - Delaware tobacco offering



Salvage archaeology




Recovery and Reburial

- Identifying the context
- Curation of the pottery



New laws

- 1988: A felony in Kentucky



Lost and found?



- Context unknown

Responsibility

- Property rights?
- Collectors:
 - Don't dig!
 - Surface finds?



Future?

- Do not disturb
- Rebury
- Salvage and rebury
- Archaeology in public context
- Collectors
- Looters
- Institutions / Antiquities market