Guiding Questions for article “Who Were the First Americans?”

1. This article is about the discovery of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, called “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Man”.

2. This skeleton has caused scientists to wonder \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. In order for the scientists to solve this mystery\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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As You Read Handout (Form A)

**Paragraph 1**

1. Explain why you think the county coroner called a forensic anthropologist to examine the skeleton.

2. When Jim Chatters’ guess is called “off the cuff”, the author is using a type of figurative language known as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Why did the spear point cause Jim Chatters to question the age of the skeleton?

**Paragraph 2**

4. Use context clues to define or write synonyms for:

Antiquity -

Fragmentary -

Crucial -

Colonized -

Murky –

5. The word epochal is used to describe an event or time period that is so important that it is used as a reference point for other events or time periods. Name another epochal event from any point in history.

**Paragraph 3**

6. Why do the authors say that it is remarkable that Kennewick man was buried deliberately?

**Paragraph 4**

7. How does the existence of Kennewick Man lead to the question “Who really discovered America”?

**Paragraph 5**

8. Explain what is meant by a “blue ribbon” panel -

9. Use context clues to define or write synonyms for:

Excavating -

Skepticism -

Affirmed –

**Paragraph 6**

10. What type of evidence do the authors cite to support the claim that the first Americans came from Siberia?

**Paragraph 7**

11. Do you agree with the statement that the remains of people will be the most valuable evidence? Why? Why not?

As You Read Handout (Form B)

**Paragraph 1**

1. Forensic Anthropologists use scientific methods to help solve crimes. Explain why you think the county coroner called a forensic anthropologist to examine the skeleton.

2. The author uses an idiom in this paragraph. Choose the phrase that is an idiom:

a. the bones were obviously old b. off the cuff c. a man who had walked the banks of the Columbia

3. The bone spear point caused Jim Chatters to assume the bones were much older because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Paragraph 2**

4.Match the synonym/definition to one of the words

5. Epochal events are so important that other events are referred to in comparison to them. Which of these events could be described as “epochal”?

a. astronauts land on the moon

b. terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001

c. the birth of Jesus

from Paragraph 2:

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| Word from Paragraph 2 | Synonym/Definition |
|  | Ancient times |
|  | Very important |
|  | Settled |
|  | Unclear |
|  | Partial |

**Paragraph 3**

6. Since Kennewick man was buried deliberately he was probably part of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Paragraph 4**

7. When Kennewick Man was discovered, some scientists began to think they may have been wrong about

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**Paragraph 5**

8. Blue ribbons are often awarded as prizes. Why do you think the authors use that term to describe the panel of researchers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Match the synonym/definition to one of the words from Paragraph 5:

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| Word from Paragraph 2 | Synonym/Definition |
|  | Approved |
|  | Digging up |
|  | Doubt |
|  | Inner area |

**Paragraph 6**

10. genetic evidence suggests that the first Americans came from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Paragraph 7**

11. The authors claim that the bones of ancient people will help solve the mystery of the first Americans. Do you agree?