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Origins of Americans
   Bering land bridge and the problem of pre-Clovis remains
   Skeletal evidence
   Linguistic evidence
   Genetic evidence
   Modern debates

Overview of American Societies
   Olmec
   Tiwanaku
   Cahokia
   Inca
   Aztec: Tenochtitlan larger than Paris in 1490
   Overall population: 44,000,000?

Health of Americans
   Paleopathology: Backbone of History
   Dangerous lives of hunter-gatherers
   Agricultural transition: a threat to health?
   Urbanization: crowding, malnutrition, violence, and disease
   Coastal populations: remarkable health
   Health index and life expectancy: declining health over time before 1492