The Long Journey to the Americas

People and Cultures

1. Turn to pages 14-15 of the Atlas. Use the timeline at the top of the page to help you complete the following timeline.

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<th>12,000 B.C.</th>
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<td>Earliest Americans may have migrated from Asia.</td>
<td>Vikings briefly settle in North America.</td>
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Links Far and Near

2. Read the overview. Also look at the diagram “Changing Sea Level” and the map “Were These the Earliest Journeys?” Use the information to answer the following questions.

a. Where did the first Americans come from? ____________

b. What dropped during the last Ice Age, allowing people to cross to the Americas? ____________

c. When was it possible to cross by land to the Americas? ____________ B.C.

d. How did most people probably reach the Americas? ____________

History Through Maps

3. Look at the map “Were These the Earliest Journeys.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.

a. The earliest possible all-land migration route was open ____________ B.C. but closed by ____________ B.C.

b. The route went from Asia across the ____________ Land Bridge, then continued east of the ____________.

c. A route that was available longer went over ____________ to Alaska and then south along the coast by ____________.
Time and Change

4. Look at the map "Waves of Human Migration" and read the caption. Use the map to match the route with the time it was used.

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<td>a. From Asia, by land</td>
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<td>b. From Europe</td>
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<td>c. From Asia, by land and sea</td>
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Thinking About History

5. Look at the two maps and the photo. Use them to determine if the phrases below describe a sea route or a land route to the Americas. Write S for sea route and L for land route.

a. _______ Unusable from 23,000 to 10,000 B.C. and after 9,000 B.C.

b. _______ Required special equipment to use.

c. _______ Allowed people to cross from Europe.

d. _______ Less dangerous than the other type of route.

e. _______ Probably the more commonly used.

People and Their Environments

6. Look at the two maps. Use the information on those maps to put the following events in order. (Hint: Write down the year each event happened in the margin. Remember, B.C. dates go backwards—larger numbers are longer ago.)

a. Land bridge cut off by water. _______

b. Route east of the Rockies cut off by ice. _______

c. Europeans could have reached the Americas. _______

d. Asia and America connected. _______

e. All-land route reopens. _______

f. Ice sheets extend farthest south. _______