Chapter 1: The Land and Native People Discussion Questions

1. Describe Tennessee’s climate and its effect on agriculture.
2. What are Tennessee’s major rivers?
3. Who were the first people in Tennessee and how did they get food?
4. What evidence of Paleo-Indians was found at the Coats Hines site?
5. How did the development of agriculture by the Archaic people impact their society?
6. What change in the social structure of Native American groups occurred during the Woodland period?
7. What was the purpose of the Pinson Mounds and Old Stone Fort?
8. What does the elaborate pottery and jewelry of the Mississippian period reveal about their society?
9. How did contact with European explorers impact Native Americans in Tennessee?
10. What is the origin of the name Tennessee?