

# Mississippian Mound Builders



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The Mississippian Mound builders originated from southeastern America. They were the first to extensively exploit agriculture and build communities with thousands of residents. The famous Angel Mounds may have reached a population of 3,000 and was the largest settlement in Indiana. Angel Mounds was the center of trade, government and religion for smaller surrounding communities. By 1450, mysteriously, Angel Mounds was abandoned and left without a trace of what happened to its inhabitants. This is still a mystery to this day. Most of the population shifted 30 miles to the west of Angel Mounds and they continued to live on small farms and in villages along the Ohio River until the early 1600s. However, these Mississippians were also gone before Europeans arrived in Indiana.

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