

FOCUS SHEET Discover Poverty Point:

1. How old are the earthforms?
2. In what shape are the earthforms?
3. If the ridges were straightened and laid end to end, how long would they be?
4. What possible purpose did the thirty-seven acre plaza serve?
5. What explanation is there for the deep pits found on the western side of the plaza?
6. Where did the Poverty Point people get copper and stones?
7. Their houses were probably constructed from what materials?
8. What did the people eat?
9. What destroyed any evidence of housing?
10. What did they hunt with?
11. How was the food cooked?
12. What animal was symbolic for the Poverty Point culture?
13. What does a certain type of jewelry indicate in this culture?

