

The Americas Before Columbus



The Great Serpent Mound, Adams County, Ohio



http://carilynn27.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/serpent_mound_1.jpg

Believed to have been built about 1070, the Serpent Mound is
1330 feet long and 3 feet high.



Painting of Cahokia - Illinois

At its height (AD 1050-1250), Cahokia covered two thousand acres and had a population of 10,000 - 30,000 people [Philadelphia had 23,000 people in 1763]



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Xipe_Totec_mask_Louvre_MH_78-1-60.jpg

Aztec jade mask depicting
the god Xipe Totec



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Eaglewarrior.jpg>

Ceramic statue of an Aztec Eagle Warrior



http://0.tqn.com/d/archaeology/1/0/_/B/machu_picchu1.jpg

Machu Picchu, Peru

Part of the estate of the Inca king Pachacuti (1438 - 1471)

Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde - southeastern Colorado

By 1150, most of the people in this area were living in houses such as these - provided security against attacks





Taos Pueblo - New Mexico
Multi-storied adobe buildings have been continuously inhabited for over 1000 years





Christopher Columbus



- Italian sailor -- funded by Spain
- 1492 -- “sailed the ocean blue”
- He found a continent that was previously unknown to Europe
- Set in motion Spain’s exploration and conquest of the new world

L'Anse aux Meadows



<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/vikings.html#>



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/L%27Anse_aux_Meadows

Site where Leif Ericson and other Norse sailors from Iceland (Vikings) sailed to North America (985 - 1009 AD)

Amerigo Vespucci

- Italian sailor
- Explored the east coast of South America in 1499 and 1501
- First person to demonstrate that the lands discovered / explored by Columbus were a new continent
- “The Americas” were named after him



Hernando Cortes

- Spanish Conquistador
- 1504 -- arrived in the “new world” -- he was 18 years old
- 1518 -- put in charge of an expedition to “explore and secure” the interior of Mexico
- 1521 -- Aztec empire was destroyed



Francisco Pizarro



- Spanish Conquistador
- First arrived in the new world in 1502
- 1531 -- led group of 180 men to Peru. They were seeking wealth and land
- 1535 -- Had destroyed the empire created by the Incas.



The coming together of the two worlds had tremendous consequences - the Columbian Exchange!



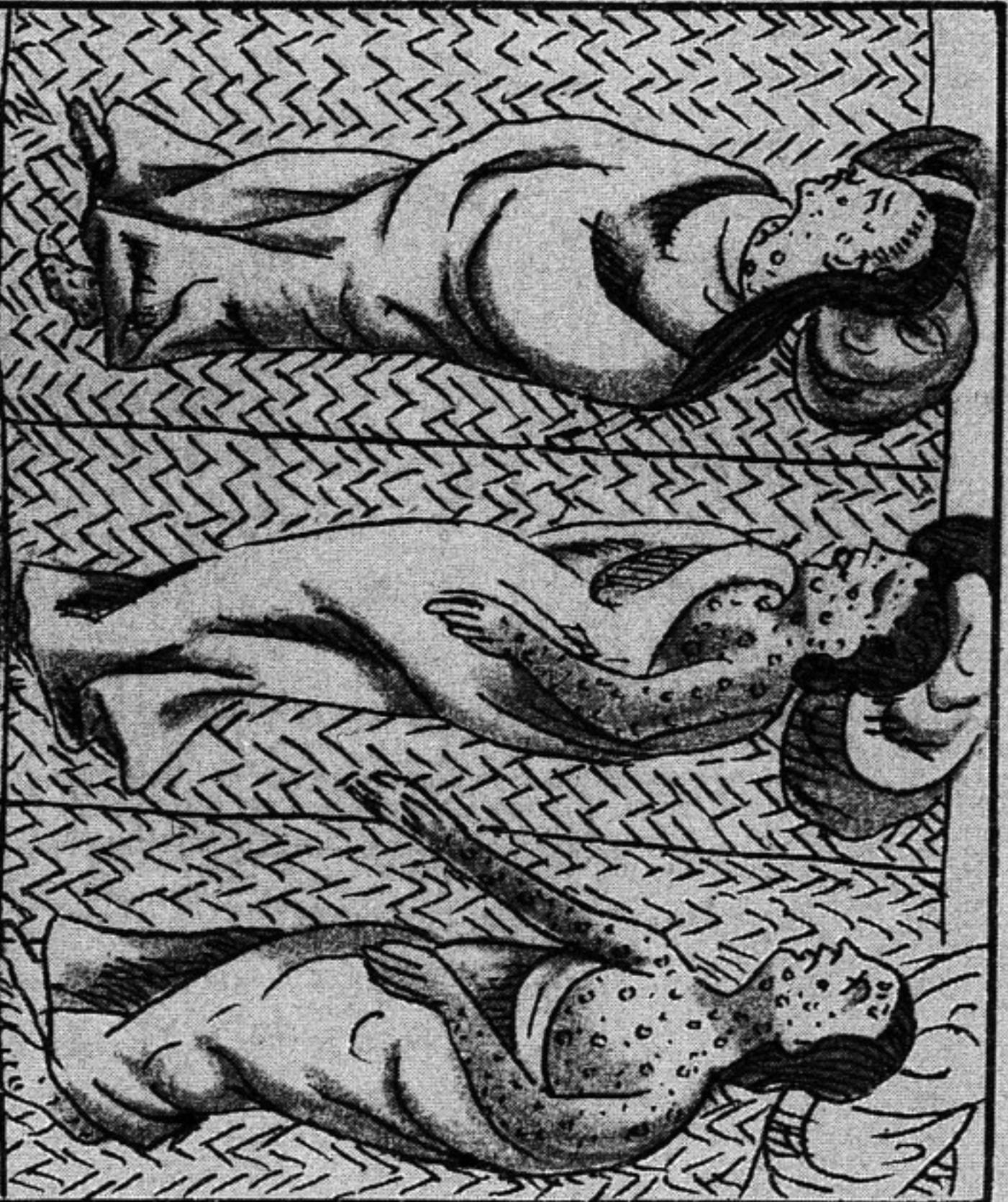
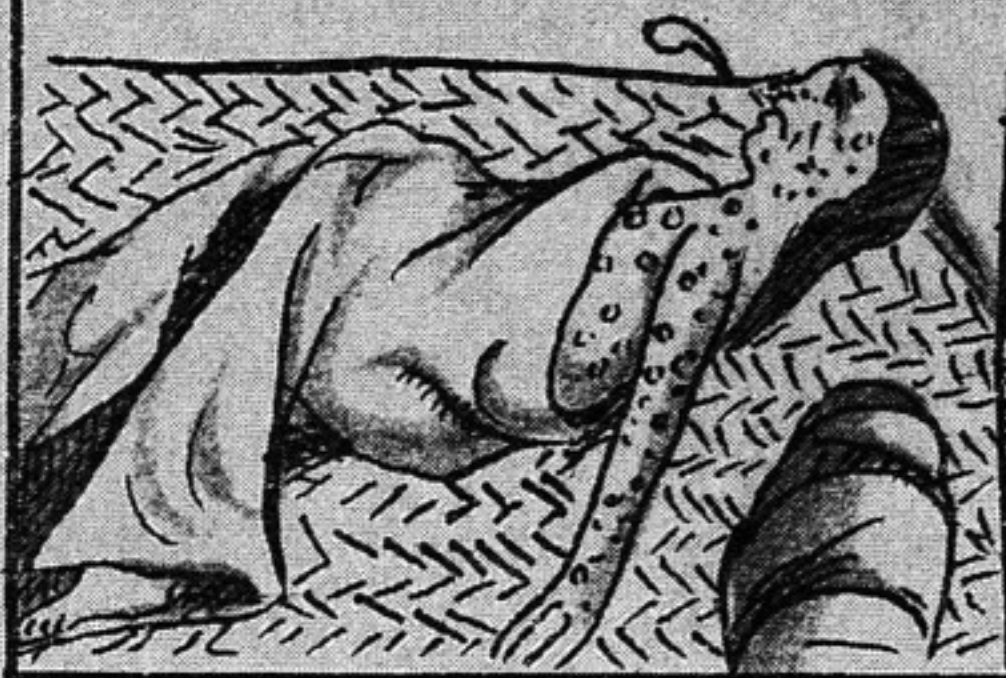
Moctezuma
(Montezuma)

Aztec Emperor

1466 - 1520



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A Briefe and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia

Published in 1585
by Thomas Harlot

Illustrations by
John White

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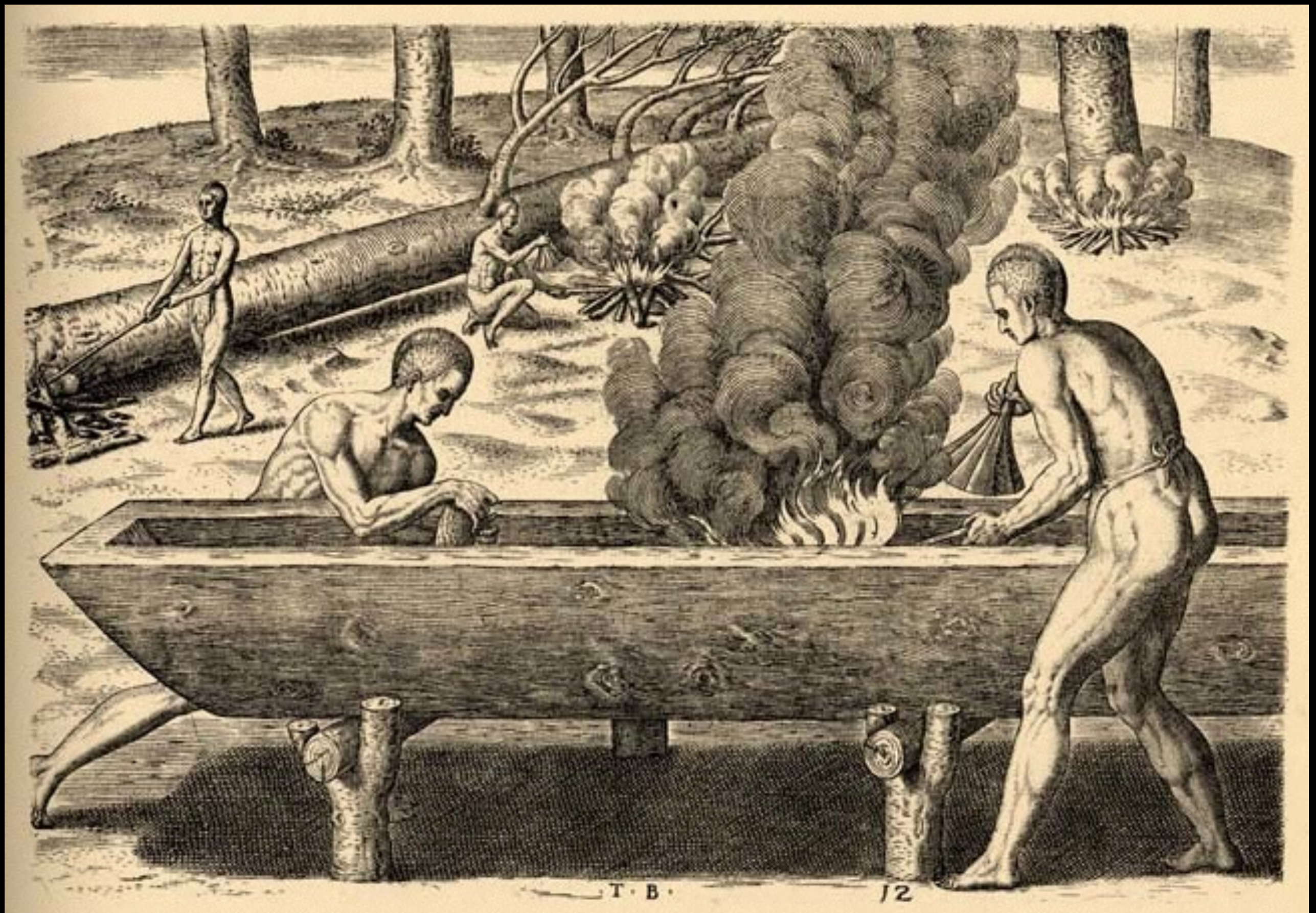




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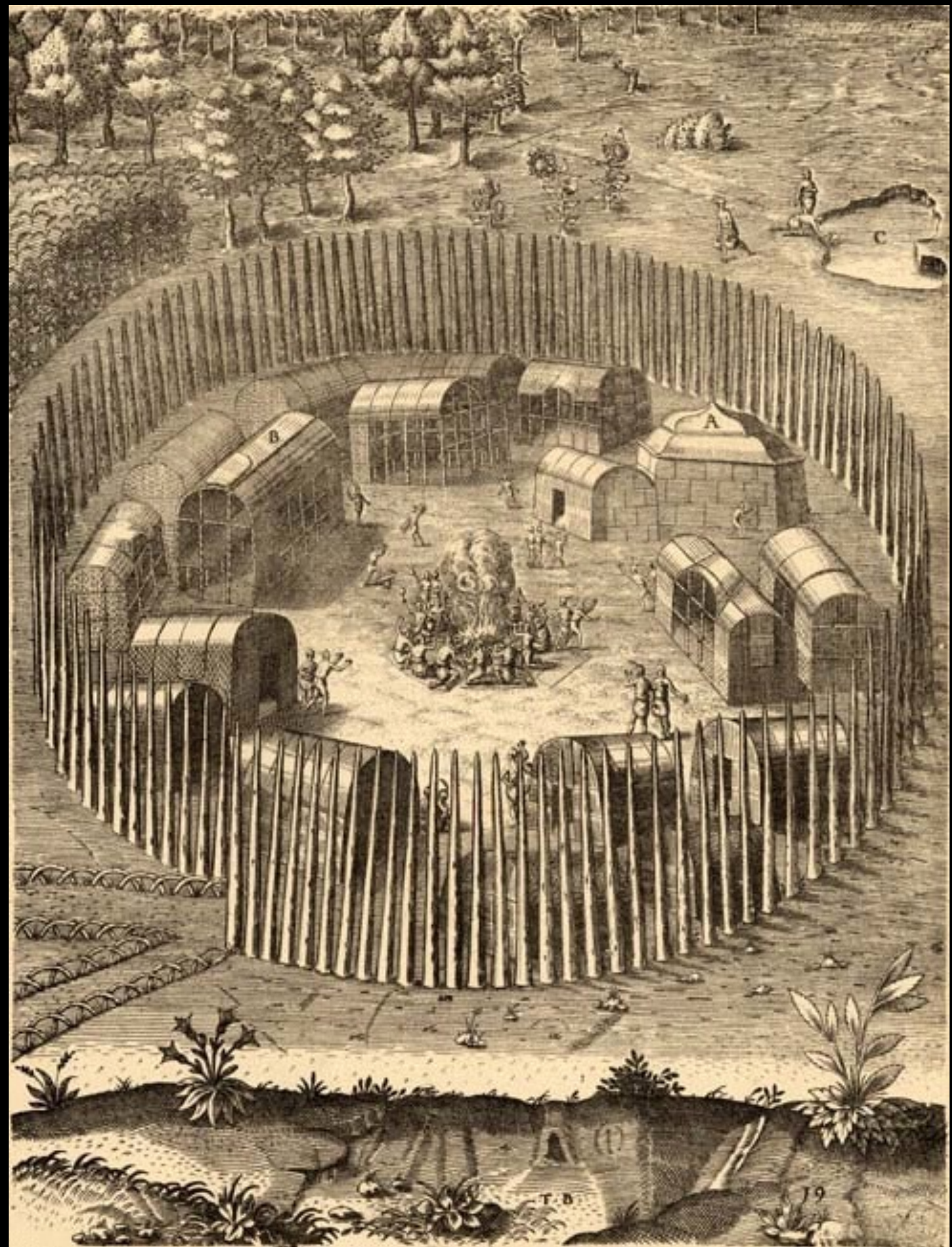


On of the chief Ladyes of Secota



The manner of making their boats

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Indian Woman of Florida