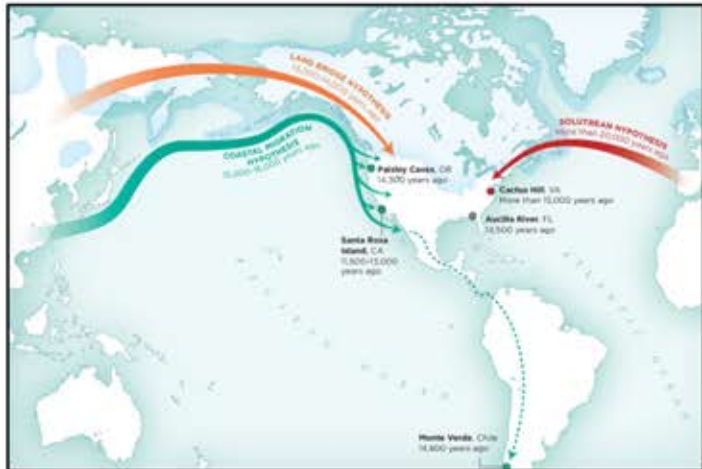


# Cultural Similarities



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In the ancient world, there was a Kingdom of Hundred Yue, called Bách Việt (Baiyue 百越/百粤). The Yue (Viet) people were various indigenous non-Chinese, inhabiting a vast territory from the sea to south Yangtze River (now central China). The first people to cultivate rice and plants, they are believed to be Vietnamese ancestors, achieving a lasting civilization for 4,000 years prior to the Chinese. (from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baiyue>)



As the northern Han Chinese empire expanded into South China and North Vietnam, the Viet people were gradually displaced (Siberia, Vietnam, America) or assimilated with the Han Chinese. During the last glacial episodes, leading to 12,000 years BC, the ancient Viet tribes could have crossed the Bering Strait and migrated to America. Early Asians could also have migrated to America via

small boats, hugging the edge of the coast and ice, until they reached ice-free Oregon (Carol Mandryk, Harvard archaeologist)

Moving South from the Yangtze, the Vietnamese ancestors established a nation called “Văn Lang”, with glorious Hoabinhian (Hòa Bình) civilization flourishing around the Red River (Hồng Hà) in North Vietnam. It is characterized by complex, distinctive Đông-Son Bronze Drums, with images of the sun, humans, flying birds, deer, canoes, rice harvest, warriors and musicians wearing feathered



headdresses and holding feathered flags.

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The Bird is the totem of the Bird Yue people (Lạc Việt). This is a 21st Century painting of a Native American Chief (courtesy of Coeur D'Alene Tribe, Idaho), with headdress and feather flag. Bronze Drums show similar images.

Canoes were used in Southeast Asia long before 5000 B.C., and boats went out to the ocean - to the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia. In the 15th century, when Christopher Columbus discovered America, he used the term “Indians” to describe American indigenous people because he believed he had arrived in India. Theories and recent scientific research suggest that the Native Americans are descended from the East Asian Yue (Viet) Tribes crossing the Bering Sea about 15,000 years ago. ■