ARCHAIC PERIOD!
7000BC-3000BC

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CLIMATIC CHANGES OCCURRED IN 7000BC

Weather became warmer and wetter
Glaciers in the north melted
This caused environmental changes
Large animals that once flourished suffered and ultimately went to extinction!
People began to rely on plants and smaller animals. That is the reason why the period is a different period.
They turned to hunting small animals and plants!

Plants include: Squash, peppers, avocado, chilli, amaranth (callaloo), Manioc (cassava) and early forms of corn. (Tehuacan Valley Mexico)

Maize domestication: 7,000 years ago: Tehuacan Valley Mexico
The ancient process of nixtamalization was first developed in Mesoamerica, where maize was originally cultivated.

There is no precise date when the technology was developed, but the earliest evidence of nixtamalization is found in Guatemala's southern coast, with equipment dating from 1200–1500 BC.
So if they were not dependent on hunting what tools did they use?

- Large stone bowls and pestles: Heavy and fragile (sedentary life)
- Smaller and wider projectile points

Referred to as LOWE POINTS in Belize
Depending on hunting and gathering focusing on agriculture led to:

- Shift from nomadic/mobile societies to sedentary farming villages (settling)
- Shift from small bands to large bands settlements
WHERE WERE THEIR TRACES FOUND?

In Teotihuacan valley of Mexico evidence was found that people began to collect and eat plants.
IN BELIZE?

Evidence was found at Pulltrouser Swamps and Colha in Orange Walk Progresso Lagoon Corozal
PROGRESSO
QUIZ

1. What are the years for the Archaic period?
2. How was the climate during the Archaic period?
3. What happened to the Mega fauna?
4. What did the Archaic people eat for food?
5. What is the term used for settling down?
6. List three plants archaic people domesticated.
7. What is the term used to describe the cooking of corn using white lime?
8. Name one place in Belize where Archaic period evidence has been found.
Do a research on Clovis and Folsom points.

What are Clovis and Folsom points?

Where were they first discovered?

For what purposes were they used?