

What's in a Midden? - Activity

DIRECTIONS: Use the "Florida Middens Key" to identify the different animal bones and tools found in the midden on the next page. Using evidence from this midden, write the names of animals the Timucua hunted, the tools they used, and the time that they probably lived.

Florida Middens Key



Alligator Jaw



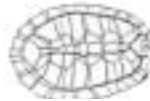
Opossum Jaw



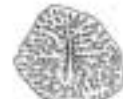
Deer Rib



Deer Leg Bone



Turtle Shell



Alligator Scale



Dolphin Vertebra



Fish Vertebra



Oyster Shell



Deer Skull



Raccoon Skull



Whelk Shell



Sand-tempered Pot
(used 2,500-1,500
years ago)



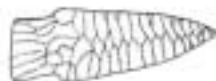
Deer Shoulder Blade



Fiber-tempered Pot
(used 4,000-2,500
years ago)



Pinellas Point (used
250-750 years ago)



Columbia Point (used
1,800-750 years ago)



Suwannee Point
(used around 9000
years ago)

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These Timucua Indians hunted the following animals: turtle, deer, opossum, dolphin, oyster, fish, raccoon, and alligator. This shows they hunted land animals and water animals. The two tools in this midden are a broken piece of sand-tempered pottery and a Columbia point. Since Florida Indians started making Columbia points 1,800 years ago and stopped using sand-tempered pottery (with that design) 1,500 years ago, then the people who made this midden probably lived between 1,800 years ago and 1,500 years ago.