



Archaic Period: 8000 to 2000 years ago

- Less arid conditions – climate approaches present-day
- Established camps around water sources
- Larger populations; occupy sites for longer periods
- The “container revolution” – they could fashion vessels out of fired clay
- Mastered the ability to weave fine cloth, and make baskets
- **By middle to late Archaic, the river probably had a consistent flow**
- **Weirs – fish traps – established on the river – one below Madison Blue Springs**
- **Numerous archaic sites on the Withlacoochee in Florida**