

**The Woodland Period:** (In Southeast @ 1000 B.C.- A.D. 1000)

- Emergence of a distinct pottery-making tradition with definite vessel forms and decoration
- Distinct regional cultures – Deptford, Santa Rosa/Swift Creek, Weeden Island
- Archaic-style spears and atlatls until the Late Woodland period (circa A.D. 800) when these were replaced by bow and arrow technology
- Increasing social stratification – political elites
- Middle Woodland sites with burial mound graves of elite individuals buried with exotic mortuary gifts
- Extensive trade networks covering most of the eastern United States
- **Mounds on the Withlacoochee – especially in Hamilton Co.** – most have been plowed down – Source: old photographs, oral histories, one Florida Master Site File entry, one intriguing newspaper article

