

**Archaeology of the American South
Anthropology 550
Spring 2024**

Week 8: Middle Woodland

Major themes in the study of Middle Woodland cultures have been long-distance circulation of goods and mortuary ceremonialism. This week's readings deal with each of these themes in turn. The optional site reports give you an opportunity to explore mound construction and mortuary ritual in more detail, by focusing on the archaeological evidence from particular sites.

General Readings:

Anderson, David G., and Kenneth E. Sassaman (2012). *Recent Developments in Southeastern Archaeology: From Colonization to Complexity*, pp. 112-151. SAA Press, Washington, D.C.

Joseph R. Caldwell (1964). Interaction Spheres in Prehistory. In *Hopewellian Studies*, edited by Joseph R. Caldwell and Robert L. Hall, pp. 135-143. Illinois State Museum, Scientific Papers 12.

Struever and Houart (1972). An Analysis of the Hopewell Interaction Sphere. In *Social Exchange and Interaction*, edited by Edwin N. Wilmsen, pp. 47-79. Anthropological Papers 46. Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Warren R. DeBoer (2004). Little Bighorn on the Scioto: The Rocky Mountain Connection to Ohio Hopewell. *American Antiquity* 69(1): 85-107.

Wright, Alice P. (2014). History, Monumentality, and Interaction in the Appalachian Summit Middle Woodland. *American Antiquity* 79(2): 277-294.

Brown, James A. (1979). Charnel Houses and Mortuary Crypts: Disposal of the Dead in the Middle Woodland Period. In *Hopewell Archaeology: The Chillicothe Conference*, edited by David Brose and N'omi Greber, pp. 211-219. Kent State University Press

Walthall, John (1985). Early Hopewellian Ceremonial Encampments in the South Appalachian Highlands. In *Structure and Process in Southeastern Archaeology*, edited by Roy S. Dickens and H. Trawick Ward, pp. 243-262.

Brown, James A. (2006). The Shamanic Element in Hopewellian Period Ritual. In *Recreating Hopewell*, edited by Douglas K. Charles and Jane E. Buikstra, pp. 475-488. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

Optional Readings:

Mainfort, Robert C. (2013). *Pinson Mounds: Middle Woodland Ceremonialism in the Midsouth*. University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville. [See Chapter 8 for an overview of mounds and mound sites.]

Smith, Bruce D. (1992). Hopewellian Farmers of Eastern North America. In *Rivers of Change: Essays on Early Agriculture in Eastern North America*, pp. 201-248. Smithsonian Institution Press. [Focus on pp. 201-229, 239-243.]

Wright, Alice P. (2017). Local and "Global" Perspectives on the Middle Woodland Southeast. *Journal Archaeological Research* 25:37-83.

Optional Site Reports:

Ford, James A., and Gordon R. Willey (1940). *Crooks Site, a Marksville Period Burial Mound in La Salle Parish, Louisiana*. Anthropological Study 3. Department of Conservation, Louisiana Geological Survey, New Orleans. [Mound A, Mound B]

Cotter, John L., and John M. Corbett (1951). *Archeology of the Bynum Mounds, Mississippi*. Archeological Research Series 1. National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. [Mound B, Mound D]

Ford, James A. (1963). *Hopewell Culture Burial Mounds near Helena, Arkansas*. Anthropological Papers 50(1). American Museum of Natural History, New York. [Mound B, Mound C]

Jefferies, Richard W. (1976). *The Tunacunnhee Site: Evidence of Hopewell Interaction in Northwest Georgia*. Anthropological Report 1, University of Georgia, Athens. [Mound A, Mound C]

Bohannon, Charles F. (1972). *Excavations at the Pharr Mounds, Prentiss and Itawamba Counties, Mississippi*. National Park Service, Washington, D.C. [Mound E]

Sears, William H. (1950). *Excavations at Kolomoki, Season II - 1950, Mound E*. University of Georgia Series in Anthropology 3. University of Georgia Press, Athens. [Mound E]

Sears, William H. (1952). *Excavations at Kolomoki, Season III and IV, Mound D*. University of Georgia Series in Anthropology 4. University of Georgia Press, Athens. [Mound D]

Sears, William H. (1956). *Excavations at Kolomoki, Final Report*. University of Georgia Series in Anthropology 5. University of Georgia Press, Athens. [Mound D, Mound E]

Mainfort, Robert C. (1986). *Pinson Mounds: a Middle Woodland Ceremonial Center*. Research Series 7. Division of Archaeology, Tennessee Dept. of Conservation, Nashville.

Mainfort, Robert C. (2013). *Pinson Mounds: Middle Woodland Ceremonialism in the Midsouth*. University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville.

Toth, Alan (1974). *Archaeology and Ceramics at the Marksville Site*. Anthropological Papers 56. University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology, Ann Arbor.