

# How did the Native Americans get to the America's?

## Ever hear of the Beringia Land Bridge?

Here is a simple way to get students to understand how the land bridge came to be, who used it, and where it is now.

### Supplies:

- 2 oz of Playdough ( can also use a 4 oz container)
- A dozen (or more) plastic "to-go" boxes with flat lids
- A container (ice chest) of crush ice

### Directions:

1. Have students team up in groups of 2-4
2. Each group will be given one container of Playdough and a to-go box
3. In the top part of the box they will create two continents connected by a smaller land bridge between them.
4. Remind them that they will need to make some mountains and a few impressions in each continent.
5. Give them time to complete their own continent
6. Once they have completed their box top continents, have them come get a few cup of crush ice (they can use the now empty Playdough container)
7. To make the ice melt quicker you can add a container of warm water to the mix pouring it over the entire continent creation. This should make the land bridge disappear under the water.
8. Once the experiment is over, have the students dump the water ice mix and squeeze out the Playdough before putting it back in the container.

### Photo examples:

