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**Abstract:** The city of Cahokia provides a unique case study to review what draws people to the place and why. This Element examines not only the emergence and decline of this great American city but also its intersection with the broader Native American world during medieval period. Cahokia was not an isolated complex but a place vivid on the landscape where people made pilgrimages to and from Cahokia for trade and religious practices. It was a central place with expansive reach and cultural influence. This Element analyzes the social and political processes that helped create this city while also reflecting on the trajectory of Native American history in North America.

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