Chapter 3 Vocabulary Preview

Alabama’s Early People
fossil

• The preserved remains of a plant or animal from long ago. Examples include: shells, skeletons, leaf prints
paleontologist

• A scientist who learns about the past by studying fossils
artifact

• An object that was made and used by people long ago
archaeologist

- A scientist who studies the lives and cultures of people from the past
migrate

• To move from one place to settle in another
• Change the way you live to fit different conditions
agriculture

• Planting and growing crops
government

- System of ruling people
hunter-gatherer

- The earliest Alabamians that hunted large animals and gathered plants
folklore

• Beliefs and customs
council

- Advisors that help with making important decisions
Green Corn Ceremony

- Native American celebration to give thanks for their harvest
Moundville Native American Festival

• A festival that takes place in Moundville, Alabama each year to teach people about the lives of Alabama’s Native Americans.