Mississippian Village Map

During the Mississippian period, between 1000 and 1550 AD, Southeastern Indians lived in different sized villages, near water. This map is a replica of the First Alabamians Gallery’s diorama. Use the legend below to test your knowledge by completing the activities.

1) Color the river blue.

2) A palisade surrounds the village. Trace it with another color.

3) Find the entrance to the village and circle it. *Hint: the small slits in the palisade are guard towers!*

4) Feature 1, the firepit, has been marked on the map as an example. Complete the map by writing the correct number on each feature. Use the Legend below.

5) Add features to your map that are not listed in the legend. Maybe you can add canoes, fishing, trees, or canebrakes?

**Legend**

1. firepit
2. house
3. work shelter
4. granary (stores grain)
5. small garden
6. large crop field
7. chunky field
8. mound

*The First Alabamians! Activity Sheets*

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