

## Layer 3 (center layer) Stratigraphy Card

### Stone Arrow Point

The year A.D. 1 marks the approximate ending date of the Central Plains hunting and gathering culture. About this time, change and innovation making its way west from eastern Woodland cultures brought the bow and arrow to the Central Plains. The relatively small, light chipped stone projectile points mounted on arrow shafts and shot with bows replaced the heavier, and less compact, atlatl and dart. Gradually, over a period of about 1,000 years, the bow and arrow replaced the atlatl and dart.

When the Spanish and French introduced iron and brass to North America around 1600, Native Americans quickly recognized the superiority of this material. They quickly abandoned the more labor intensive chipping of stone projectile points and began fashioning arrow points out of metal scraps.

