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Can you describe the preservation focus of Etowah Indian Mounds?

Right, like if you were to go to an Indian Mound for instance, and you got a chance to see Etowah Indian Mounds, you got a chance to see the pre history period developed in Georgia and how the Indian culture evolved from the tribes or the bands to the tribes or the kingdomship if you will between the tribe and the band. The band was first, then the tribe, then the kingdomship, and then how the Indian mounds evolved, and the Indians were gradually moving toward that kingdomship when De Soto came through and basically dismantled all that because he saw it as basically a non Christian focus in life. So by taking that culture resource and preserving it and then interpreting it through your chronological finds that they found there, you have a better idea of how society developed in the Indian culture focus. And how important that is because we now have a better appreciation of what the Indians were going through, why they worshiped the way they did and their culture.