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a history that shows how human societies dealt with nearly 13,000
years of climate change on this often-challenging landscape"--
