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

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