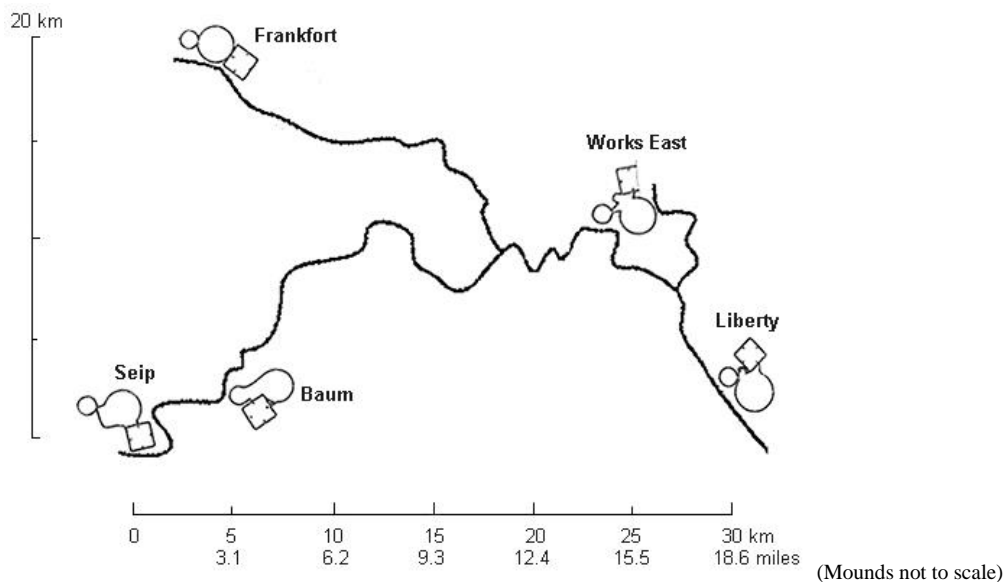


The Chillicothe Tripartite Mound Cluster

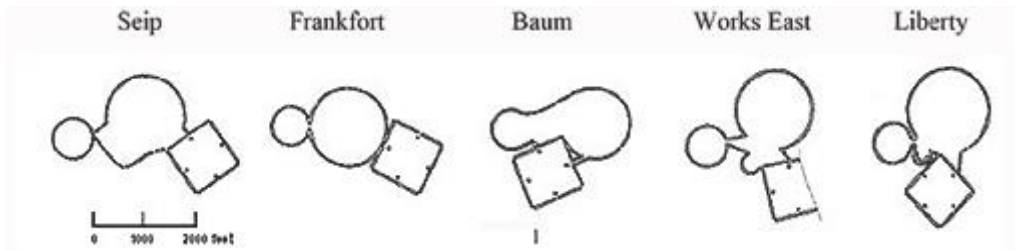
The map below shows a cluster of five geometric earthworks around Chillicothe, Ohio. The mounds share a common design theme: a western circular embankment; a larger circle to the east/northeast; and a square with four entrances. These five earthworks may have built in less than a century.

Bernardini 2004



The mounds in the Chillicothe cluster share a common design theme: a western circular embankment; a larger circle to the east/northeast; and a square with four entrances. These five earthworks may have built in less than 100 years.

The amount of work required to build these earthworks is monumental. Each of the mounds in the Chillicothe cluster had over two miles of walls and required over two million ft³ of earth to be dug and carried by hand.



(Earthworks not to scale)

After Bernardini 2004

L (miles)	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.1
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V (million ft ³)	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.9
Labor (100k man hours)	4.2	4.9	4.9	3.5	4.7

Population estimates <https://www.encyclopedia.com/humanities/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/mound-builders-poverty-point-adena-hopewell-and-mississippian-cultures>