The Hallmarks:

อม Distinctive Language
อม Meaningfulness of Symbolism
อม Extended/Lined Burials
อม Semi-Subterranean Houses
อม Palisaded Round Towns
อม Solar Nobility Pride
อม Greencorn Peace Culture
อม Story-telling Stones
อม Rimmed Pipes
อม Plain Ceramics

Clay Story-Telling Stone is a singularly Yucheian Artifact.

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Appendices 1: Yuchi Cultural Footprint

A stone-lined extended burial from the Watts Bar Basin. Such burials are very much in keeping with Yuchi burial practices.

Clay pipes with rimmed bowls and/or stems symbolic of the Sun are classic Yuchi-type pipes.
"The discipline of archaeology is no longer the exclusive province of White, European upper-class men, and there is no going back to an earlier era of exclusionary, hierarchical and scientized knowledge that marginalizes the multivocal archaeology from the peripheries. The question of 'who controls the past?' is no longer a conundrum because it must be generally conceded that there are many pasts and they will be known differently from many views." (Gero, Joan. "The History of the World Archaeological Congress." Published online at http://www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/site/about_hist.php/.)
Who Says the Yuchi were not a Part of East Tennessee’s Past? Certainly not the Smithsonian Institution or National Geographic Society.

Taylor/Sturtevant—The Native Americans; the Indigenous People of North America, Smithsonian Institution 1991/92 -- Yuchi materials on p. 12,
This paper is dedicated to the memory of these dedicated individuals of Yuchean Studies. They have given us much, and taught us to respect our Ancestors.
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Appendices 6: Formal Letter of inquiry as to why the Yuchi and other peoples were left out of the museum exhibit and why the Yuchis were being denied in statements to members of the public.

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Dear Dr. Chapman:  

On several occasions you have stated to me and others (Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, Foothills Land Conservancy, etc.) that there is/was no evidence that the Yuchi/Creek were ever in Tennessee as residents. Other staff of the University have often concurred. In a McClung Museum Communication to Greenway School dated January 10, 2001, Ms. Woodiel states that “[t]he Yuchi question, by the way, was debated by our archaeologists and our professional advisors, and because of the specific nature of the time period that tribe was not included [in the McClung exhibit].” The only mention in the Exhibit itself states that Yuchi and Creek presence as occupants in Tennessee is disputed.

I am preparing a primary source cited paper on the Yuchi in Tennessee, as well as the exclusion and marginalization of people of color from history, and wish to offer the opportunity of a formal statement with respect to the documented historic references to the Yuchi and Creek peoples in Tennessee, as well as Kneberg and Lewis’s specific identification of same from archaeological cultural elements.

Because this cuts deeply into issues of racism, and specifically, “historical genocide,” i.e. the removal of an unwanted people from official history, as well as academic censorship, I wish to offer an opportunity to make the confusingly-stated position of the University clear in this matter. Can you provide me with any citations which state that the Yuchi/Creek were not here? Can you tell me who refutes the historic documents that record their presence in the dispute cited in the Museum exhibit, as these seem not to have turned up in my archival searches of information pertinent to these issues?

If you have not read the many historic references to Yuchi occupation of Tennessee, I can provide copies of these from the Yuchi Tribal Archive.

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CC: Dr. Charles Hudson  
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Apologies for not responding sooner.

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Dear David,

I am in receipt of your letter of 25 July regarding the question of Yuchi occupation of Tennessee. In an attempt to bring together the scholarly opinions on this issue, I have taken the liberty to forward your letter to several prominent scholars on the subject of late prehistoric and historic Native American occupation in the Southeast. I am asking them to address the issues raised in your letter and offer their interpretations of the available data. Each will be provided with the existing exhibit label copy that pertains to this issue.

The scholars to whom this will be sent are:
Dr. Jason Jackson, Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma
Dr. William Sturtevant, Department of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution
Dr. Charles Hudson, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia (retired)
Dr. Brett Rigs, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Dr. Gerald Schroedl, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee
Dr. John Finger, Department of History, University of Tennessee (retired)
Dr. Lynne Sullivan, Curator of Archaeology, Frank H. McClung Museum

Copies of the responses of the above scholars will be sent to you. Based upon their responses, the Museum will make appropriate changes in the exhibition text.

I hope this will provide you with the information that you have been seeking.

Sincerely,

Jeff Chapman
Director

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