

Native Americans





Long before the white man set foot on American soil, the American Indians or the Native Americans, had been living on this land. When Europeans came here, there were probably 10 million Indians north of present-day Mexico and they had been living here for quite some time. The first people arrived during the last ice-age 20,000-30,000 years ago.

The Indians of the Americas spoke hundreds of different languages, had many varied ways of life and each group had its own name. Some lived in large cities and others in small villages. Varied tribes ranged from the Arctic regions of North America to the Southern tip of South America.





American Indian Houses

There were many different types of American Indian houses in North America.

Different American Indian tribes had different traditional lifestyle.



Wigwams are good houses for people who stay in the same place for months at a time. They are easy to build.



Long houses -for people who intend to stay in the same place for a long time.



Grass Houses are good homes for people in a warm climate.



Teepees-for people who are always on the move.

Tribes

Beothuk

Bayougoula

Catawba

Acolapissa

Cherokee

Apache

Cheyenne

Abenaki

Chickasaw

Comanche

Delaware

Kickapoo

Mahican

Menominee

Mohegan

Montagnais

Narragansett

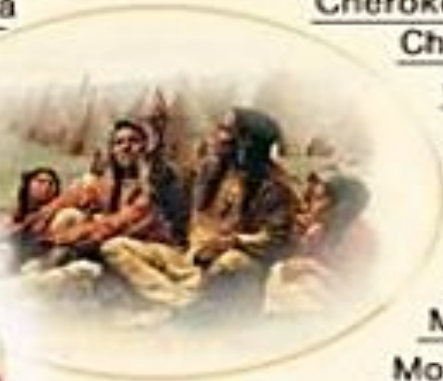
Ojibwa

Ottawa

Susquehannock

Siksika (Blackfeet)

Wampanoag



Erie

Illini

Huron

Iroquois

Pequot

Potawatomi

Navajo

Nipmuc

Lakota-Oglala-Sioux

Sauk & Fox

Shawnee

Winnebago
(Ho-Chunk)



Indian Art



Indian Symbols



Indian boats



Indian Food

Indians ate turkeys ducks, geese, dogs, pigs. Sometimes they ate snakes and monkeys. They hunted and went fishing.

They grew cotton, tobacco, medicinal plants, beans, pumpkins, sunflowers, peppers, wild rice, potatoes, avocados, papayas, and chocolate.



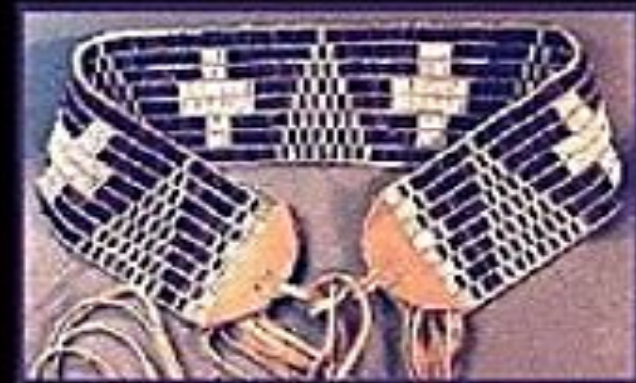
Indian Masks



Masks are used by many Native American tribes from Alaska to Argentina. In most tribes masks are used for religious rituals or festivals

Native Americans Today

The newer generation of Native Americans have gone to school or can be found in schools and higher education institutions. They have their own music to express themselves, picture galleries, holidays, shops and markets. They sell native clothes, moccasins and jewelry, and so on.

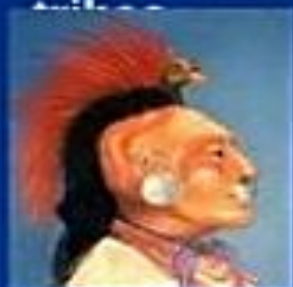


Indian Clothes

Originally, there were many different traditional clothing styles in North America. Every Native American tribe had its own style of dress.



These are traditional hairstyles from several different tribes.



Feather Headbands



Basket hats





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