

Comparing Native American Regions



Environment

The Pacific **Northwest** tribes lived on the coast of the Pacific Ocean, they have a **mild climate** and many **natural resources**.



Environment

The Desert Southwest tribes have a **very hot and dry** climate and water was scarce. They adapt to a dry climate by using irrigation systems to **water crops**



Environment

The Great Plains have low precipitation, cold winters, and mild summers. They adapt to this climate by following herds of buffalo.



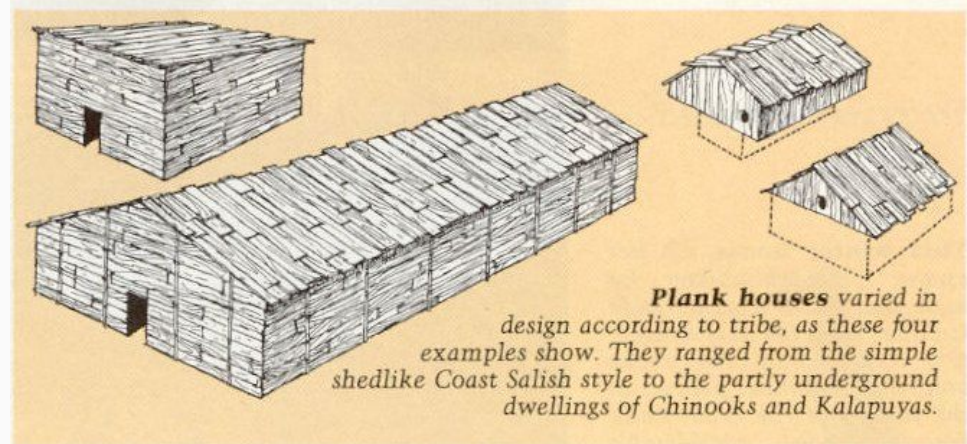
Environment

The Eastern Woodlands are along the Atlantic coast. The **Eastern Woodlands** has a lot of rainfall, numerous **lakes and rivers**, and great **forests**.



Homes

The Pacific Northwest tribes made **Wooden Plank Homes** from red cedar trees and wooden pegs, because they didn't have nails.



Plank houses varied in design according to tribe, as these four examples show. They ranged from the simple shedlike Coast Salish style to the partly underground dwellings of Chinooks and Kalapuyas.

Homes



-The Desert Southwest tribes made apartment like buildings using **adobe bricks** called Pueblos. Adobe is a mixture of clay, straw and **animal droppings**.

To adapt to their climate Adobe houses have very thick walls and are very cool in the summer and warm in the winter

Homes



The Great Plains region they built large, dome-shaped houses **called lodges**. A lodge had a **wooden frame**, covered with soil and turf. Entry was through a covered passage. Inside, there was a fireplace in the centre of the lodge. A hole in the roof above **let out the smoke**.

While traveling to be with the buffalo they would use **Teepees**.

Homes



Eastern woodlands live in Wigwams and Longhouses.

Wigwams are small houses, usually **8-10 feet tall**. Wigwams are made of wooden frames which are covered with woven mats and sheets of birchbark. Once the birchbark is in place, ropes or **strips of wood** are wrapped around the wigwam to **hold the bark in place**.

Longhouses are built similarly to wigwams, with pole frames and **bark** covering. Longhouses could be **200 feet long**, 20 feet wide, and 20 feet high and house as many as 60 people.

Food

The Pacific Northwest tribes hunted **seal**, salmon, sea otters and **whales**. They also got **fruit** from the forests.



Food

-In the Southwest Desert there wasn't a lot of meat to hunt for, so instead they **grew beans**, squash, melons, pumpkins, and **24 types of corn**.



Food

The great plains followed the buffalo,
This was their **main food source**.

Also, Deer, **moose, elk**, and prairie chickens were hunted.

Berries and turnips were picked



Food

Eastern **Woodland** tribes were **hunters and gatherers**. They hunted bear, moose and bison, and were fishermen. They also ate beavers, raccoons, rabbits, corn, beans and berries. **Woodland** Indians grew **squash**, pumpkins and melons.



Clothing - Northwest



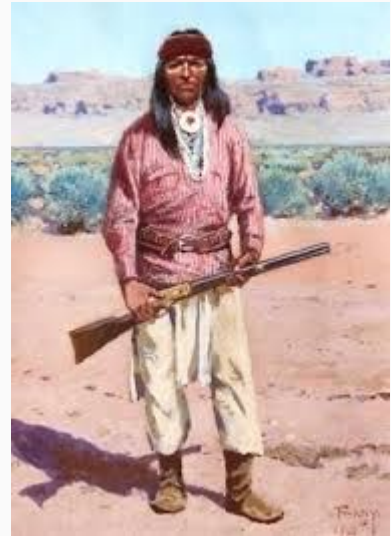
-Tribes on the coast didn't wear much clothing, except when it was **cold**. The clothing was made mostly from **cedar bark** to shield them from rain.

- Chilkat Blankets are worn for **special occasions**. They were woven from **goat's wool** and cedar bark, and then painted



Clothing south west

When the weather was **cold**, they wore clothing made from **deerskin, sheepskin, and wool**. These clothes were very colorful. When the weather was **hot**, they wore very **little clothing**.



Tools

-The Pacific Northwest indians used harpoons, nets and **wooden traps** to catch fish and a bow & arrow for hunting.



Tools

-The Southwest tribes used **wooden farm** implements for harvesting food, irrigation system to **water plants**, and spindles and **looms** for weaving cotton.



Roles

-Pacific Northwest tribesmen were in charge of fishing, **hunting and wars**. The women were in charge of collecting crops, cooking and childcare. They **threw a potlatch**, which was a party to show great wealth.

Roles

-Desert Southwest tribesmen were **in charge** of politics, agriculture and also wars. Women were in charge of cooking, cleaning and **family caretaking**.

Roles - Eastern Woodlands

5 tribes of Iroquois to stop the fighting in there area these tribes came together to form the first government of the united states.

-Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, and Seneca.

Women had power in this region. Men moved in with the women's family After they were married.



Art

In the Southwest region they made pottery, weaving, and jewelry. **Kachina Dolls** were used to represent spirits during religious rituals. **They are not toys**, but used for religious teaching.

Art

The Northwest created **totem poles** totem poles are carved and painted with symbols and totems or figures such as **animals**, that represent the emblems of clans or families and relates to their belief in Totemism (their religion).



Art

Great Plains

Buffalo hide was drawn on to tell stories



Art

Eastern Woodlands used **Shells and bones** to make beads for Wampum belts.

Belts used patterns to tell about **important events**.

Belts were seen as valuable and used for trading.

Canoes were made to travel the water ways

