

Native Americans: Northeast



Several tribes of the Northeast spoke dialects of the Algonquian language.

Forms of Algonquian include languages like Powhatan and Mohican.

Many of these dialects have since become extinct.

 There were two distinct groups of Eastern Woodland Indians:

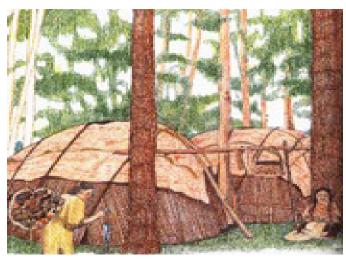
1. The Algonquian tribes.

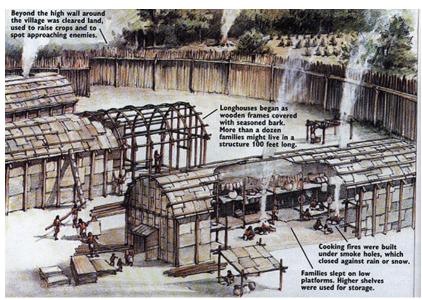
These tribes were joined by language and peaceful lifestyles:
 Wampanoag, Shawnee, Abenaki, Sauk, Fox, Pequot, Narragansett, Kickapoo, Ojibwe and Otoe

2. The Iroquois Nation.

- They were made up of 5
 different, but war-like tribes:
 Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga,
 Oneida and Mohawk
- We will look at each type of tribe in the upcoming slides.

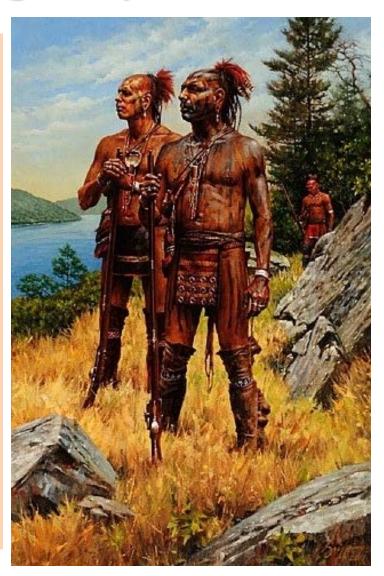
Eastern WoodlandsNortheastern



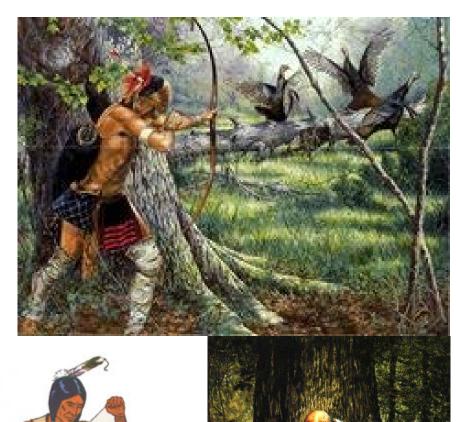


Everyday Life - Algonquian Men

- The Eastern Woodland Indians were deer-hunters and farmers.
- The men made bows and arrows, stone knives and war clubs. Bones were also used for tools.
- They hunted and used all of the deer parts they hunted.
- Fish was also a major part of their diet.



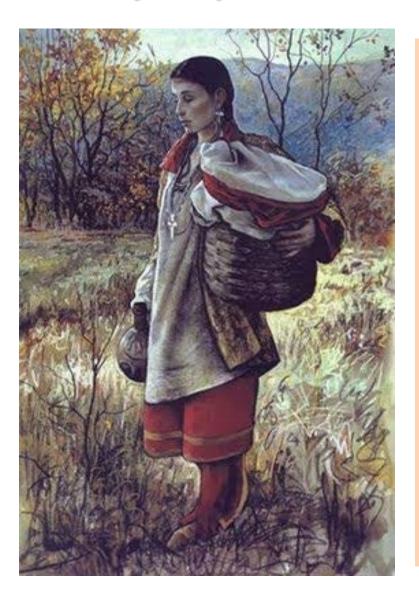








Everyday Life - Algonquian Women



- The women grew beans, corn, pumpkin, squash and tobacco.
- Women also harvested these crops and prepared the food.
- They dried berries, corn, fish, meat and squash for the winter.
- They also made the pots for cooking out of red or black clay.
- They had one major ceremony to honor the rain gods every year for healthy crops.

Everyday Life - Children

- The Woodland tribes were the first to invent a game like lacrosse.
- When a boy was 13 he was sent on a personal journey called, Vision Quest.
 - Boys had to spend 3-5 days out in the woods and analyze their dreams.
- These Indians believed that a spirit would come to them and give them guidance about their futures.
- Girls stayed at home and learned how to be a wife and take care of children from their mothers.



What did the Algonquians live in???

- The most popular Algonquian house they used was a wigwam.
- It was either covered with bark, grasses or leaves.
- They were set up in villages of 200-400 houses.



How did the Algonquian tribes travel???

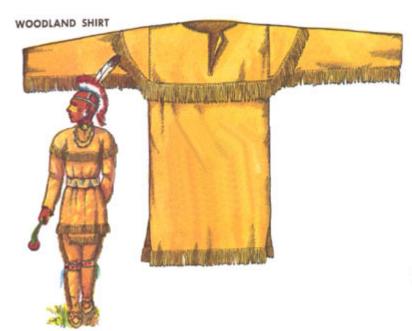
- The Algonquian tribes lived near water for transportation purposes.
- They made birchbark canoes and dug out canoes from tree trunks.
- On land, the Algonquian natives traveled on foot and carried their cargo on their backs. They had no pack animals, like horses.
- Dogs were their sole <u>domesticated</u> animals.

What does domesticated mean?



Woodland Indian Fashion

- Numerous hours were required to make the popular deerskin summer clothing.
- Furs from bears, rabbits and raccoons kept them warm in the winter.
- Turkey feathers were a popular accessory, since it was waterproof
- Face painting and the men's scalp lock (with shaven side hair) were typical.
- Designs in the clothes were closely tied to nature.



APRONS

APRONS, RATHER THAN BREECHCLOUTS, ARE WORN BY WOODLAND INDIANS.











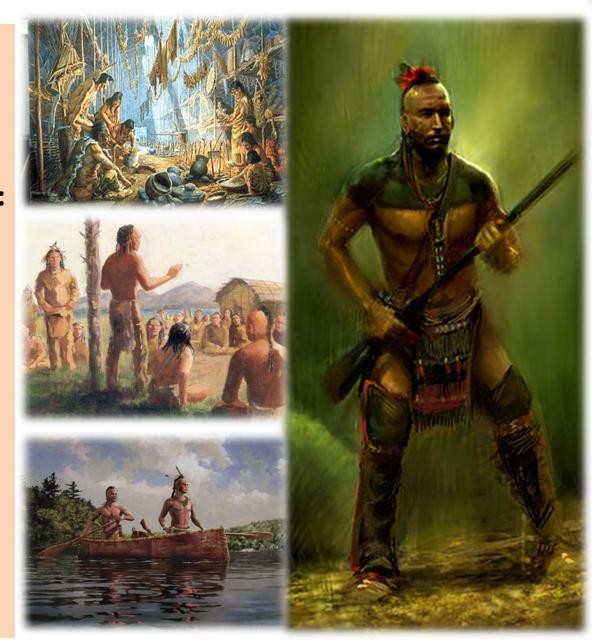






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- The Iroquois natives were actually a "nation" of Native Americans made up of 5 different tribes.
 - These tribes were:
 the Senecas,
 Onondagas,
 Oneidas, and
 Mohawks.
- These tribes were hostile, or war-like, to each other until they joined together to become the "League of the Five Nations."
- They became hostile against others.

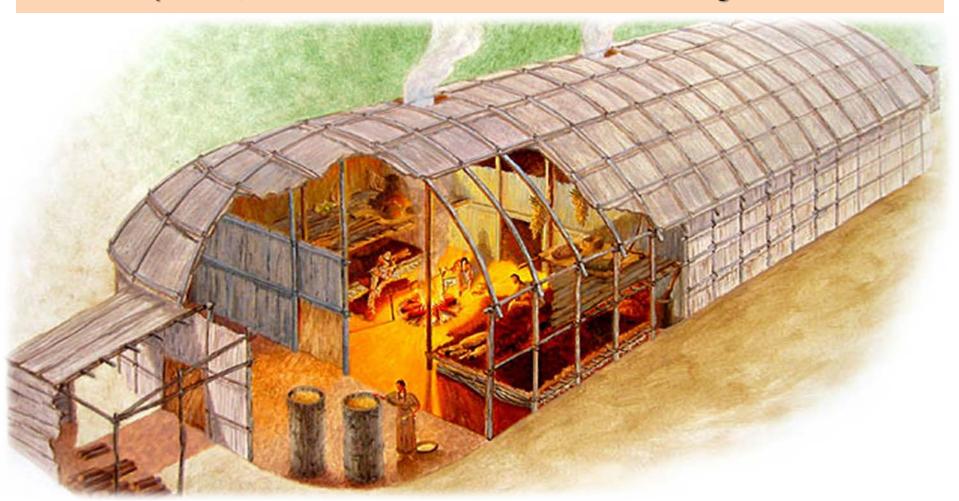


Iroquois Nation – what were they like?

- The Iroquois were horticulturists
 - horticulturalists growing plants for food and medicine
- The Iroquois lived in villages made up of longhouses
- Each longhouse was occupied by members of a matrilineage (ancestors through the female side of the family):
 - Female relatives, their husbands, daughters, daughters' husbands, unmarried sons
- The status of women among the Iroquois was quite high
 - Women often had the "final say" in village decisions over the men

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The longhouses of the Iroquois people were usually around 50 feet long, but sometimes reached over 300 feet. It is believed that hundreds of saplings (young tree trunks) were used as poles, which were sharpened, hardened in fire and driven into the ground.



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Strips of bark were woven between the poles to make an almost waterproof siding. The open doors were covered with animal hide to keep in the heat and holes in the roof allowed smoke to exit.





Iroquois Nature Connection

- Like other Indian tribes, the Iroquois felt a deep connection to nature and its plants/animals.
- When a deer was killed, an Iroquois hunter would kneel down and speak to it.
 - He thanked the deer for the food and clothing it will provide his people.



Wampum







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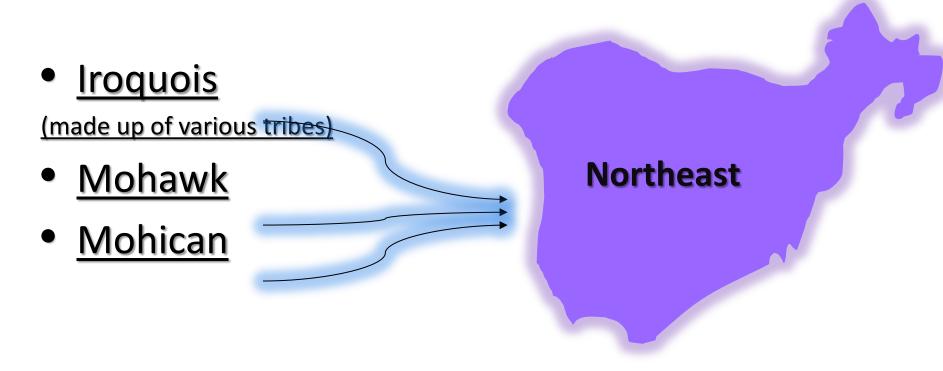
- Wampum were tubular beads used to create colorful, woven belts.
- Wampum belts were highly valued by the Iroquois.
- Wampum would be used as:
 - A gift at a wedding
 - A form of comfort if someone died
 - A symbol of an important event

Guess the Artifact



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Hint: It's not a weapon

Answer: Iroquois peace pipe







Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: everyday bathroom item Answer: wooden hair pick







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Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: they would have a wooden handle Answer: stone axes







Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: related to tabacco

Answer: Iroquois tabacco pipes





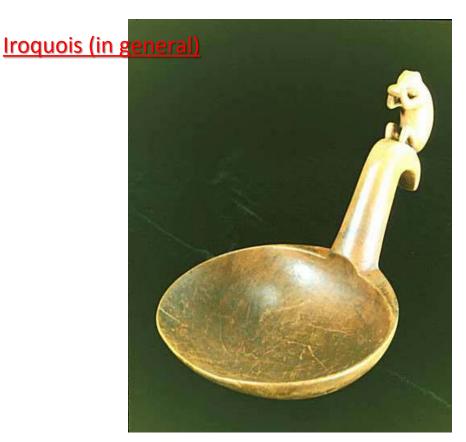


Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: hungry?

Answer: Wooden serving ladle







Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: big shoes to fill

Answer: Iroquois snowshoes





Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: used to hold things

Answer: (remains of) a pot







Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: for hunting or fighting

Answer: Mohican club





Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: portable

Answer: baby cradle (real) with baby (fake)







Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: sharp

Answer: general purpose knife



Mohican





Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: makes noise

Answer: baby rattle







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Hint: packs a punch

Answer: Iroquois war club





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Hint: isn't it obvious?

Answer: various arrowheads and spearheads







Guess the Artifact Northeast

Hint: recognize an animal?

Answer: (snapping) turtle shell rattle







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Hint: famous Iroquois dwelling

Answer: Iroquois Longhouse







Northeastern Indians Poster Activity

- You may work alone or with a partner.
- You will be creating a mini-poster about the Northeastern (Eastern Woodlands) Indians.
- You will use: the textbook, a short article, and your notes to gather data for your poster.
 - Textbook 8 facts pages 76-80
 - Article 5 facts
 - Notes 3 facts
- Your poster must have <u>3 drawings</u> relating to this region, be colorful, *creative*, and have correct grammar and spelling.