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Native Americans Study Guide

Cherokee

- The Cherokee lived in the Blue Ridge and Piedmont regions and were known as the "Real People."
- Their homes were open huts in the summer and round asis in the winter, which were made of wattle and daub.
- They built a palisade, or wooden fence, around their villages to help protect the people.
- For food, the Cherokee farmed, hunted, fished, and gathered berries and nuts.
- The Cherokee planted the "3 Sisters" for food, which were corn, beans, and squash.
- The Cherokee were known for putting walnut tree bark in the water to help them catch fish easily.
- The council made the decisions for the village but the Red Leader was in charge during war times and the White Leader was in charge during peace times.
- In the summer, their clothing was made out of tanned animal skins and they went bare-footed.
- In the winter, their clothing was made from animal skins and they wore robes (coats) made from thick animal furs and they wore moccasins on their feet.
- The Cherokee women wove beautiful baskets out of bark, brush, and grasses which were used to catch fish, to carry items, and to store water and food.
- The Cherokee man and boys made dugout canoes as a means of traveling along the rivers.
- The Cherokee would gather during the cold winter months to tell/hear stories about how things came to be (why things were the way they were) called legends.

Catawba

- The name "Ye Iswa" means "River People" and their villages were located in the Piedmont region along the Catawba River.
- They lived in round houses made out of wood, bark, and grasses called wigwams.
- For food, the Catawba farmed, hunted, fished, and gathered nuts and fruit.
- They made their clothing out of animal skins and wore special jewelry made out of shells, beads, and copper.
- The Catawba also made dugout canoes as a means of traveling along the rivers.
- They were led by a chief called "Man Superior" in each village, but the council made of ONLY men made all of the decisions for the village.
- The Catawba made beautiful pottery out of clay that was then shaped and baked in a hot fire. They would use a special glaze made of crushed shells to decorate them.
- They celebrated the harvest each fall.

Yemassee Nation

- They lived in the Coastal Zone region along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean.
- Their summer homes were wigwams made from palmetto trees and leaves along the beach. Their winter homes were made of wattle and daub and located farther inland which they moved to after the harvest each fall.
- For food, they farmed, hunted, fished, and gathered nuts, berries, clams, and oysters.
- Their clothes were made out of animal skins and they wore the same thing year-round due to the mild climate. Women made dresses out of Spanish moss.
- They were led by a council, made of men and women.
- Scientists have learned about these tribes because of the midden mounds that have been discovered. These are big trash piles made up of bits of broken shells and pottery.
- The Yemassee/Edisto tribes built fires around their villages to keep away bugs and insects.

Words to Know - FLASHCARDS!

agriculture	tradition
council	tribe
culture	wattle and daub
native	