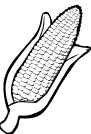




Northeast Woodlands Food

They were great farmers. They grew corn , squash , and

beans . They called these three foods the “Three Sisters.” They

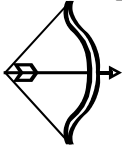

grew pumpkins , sweet potatoes , and sunflowers ,

too. They ground the sunflower seeds into flour. Sometimes they

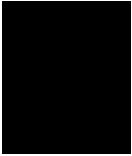

gathered berries , fruits , and nuts .

There were maple trees. The Indians learned how to make maple

syrup from the sap of the maple trees. These Indians also hunted. They

used bows and arrows  to hunt deer .

They made traps to catch rabbits  and other small animals. They


used nets and spears  to get fish  from rivers and lakes.

Northeast Woodlands Shelter


They lived in longhouses  made of wood. They got

the wood from trees in the forests  nearby. The roofs were

made from sheets of tree bark. As many as 20 families could live in one

longhouse . There was a long hall down the middle

of the longhouse. Rooms were on each side of it. Each family had its

own room. In the hallway there was a row of fires . Holes in

the roof let the smoke out. Families on both sides of the fire shared it.

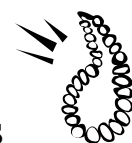
They used the fires to cook their food and to stay warm.

Northeast Woodlands Art/Recreation

They found white and purple shells  at the nearby ocean



and made beads out of them. Then they strung the beads

together to make necklaces  and belts . Sometimes strings of

shells were used for money . The Northeast Woodlands

Indians would trade their strings of shells for other things they wanted.

These strings of shells were called wampum.

These Indians also liked to weave. They used plants and grasses



from the nearby forests



to weave beautiful



baskets




and mats



Northeast Woodlands Transportation


These Indians traveled by foot  and by canoe .

They used wood from cedar trees  to make the canoe frame. They

used bark from birch trees to cover the frame. Strong tree

roots  were used like thread  to stitch the pieces of birch



bark together. Then they rubbed sticky gum from evergreen trees on the

birch bark. This gum is what kept water  out of the canoes




Northeast Woodlands Physical Surroundings, Location, and Climate

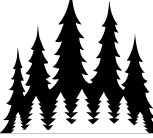
The climate was warm in the summer and cold in the winter. There was

good rainfall  . There were many rivers and lakes .

The Indians got food and water from them. There was an ocean nearby.

It gave them food, too.

The best thing was the forest . Indians that lived here got

everything they needed from the forest . They got food

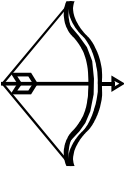


from the forest. They made their clothes



from animals

and plants in the forest. They made their homes  and

weapons  with wood from the forest.