Southeast Woodlands
Food

The Indians who lived here were farmers. They grew corn, squash, and beans. They also liked to fish. They could even catch fish with their hands! Sometimes they used nets and spears.

They also hunted in the nearby forests. They hunted deer, rabbit, and bear. Indians in the Southeast Woodlands had plenty to eat!
Southeast Woodlands
Shelter

Indians of the Southeast Woodlands lived in villages. Each village had many homes and a meeting building. Each village had a fence around it.

The fence kept enemies out.

These Indians used twigs, branches, and stalks to make their homes. The twigs, branches, and stalks were woven together to make a frame. A sticky paste was rubbed over the frame to fill in the holes. Their homes looked like upside down baskets. Later, they built log cabins for homes.
Southeast Woodlands
Art/Recreation

These Indians loved to play ball games. The game was called Lacrosse.

They used wooden sticks and balls. The balls were made of deer hair wrapped with strips of deer hide. To get a point, the ball had to go through two tall posts.

Indians who lived here also liked to weave. They used plants and grasses to weave baskets, mats, and skirts.
Southeast Woodlands
Transportation

These Indians mostly traveled by foot. They also built dugout canoes. They made the canoes from trees from the nearby forests. They chopped down the trees. Then they used tools to dig out the wood and shape it into a canoe. Sometimes the water in the river or stream was not very deep. Then they used long poles to push the canoes along in the water.
Southeast Woodlands
Physical Surroundings, Location, and Climate

There were a lot of forests in this region. Palm trees and palmetto bushes grew in the southern part.

Many animals lived in the forests. There were deer, rabbits, and bears. There were turkeys and tortoises. There were many rivers and lakes. The Atlantic Ocean was nearby. The Southeast Woodlands Indians were great fishermen. They caught fish with their hands, spears, and nets. In some places there were snakes and alligators.

There was plenty of rain. Winters were short and mild. Summers were long, warm, and wet. The climate was good for farming.