



The Northwest and the Arctic Tribes

Harpoons: long spears with a sharp shell point for killing

Kwakiutl: Native American group that lived in the Northwest region of the United States, they fished, hunted, and gathered plants, these people only used whales when they washed up on shore, they lived along the coast of what is now Canada, they were also responsible for the Potlatch celebration

Makah: Native American group that lived in the Northwest region of the United States, they fished, hunted, and gathered plants, these tribal people hunted whales using dugout canoes and going into the waters

Chinook: Native American group that lived in the Northwest region of the United States, they fished, hunted, and gathered plants, they lived by the Columbia River and were strong traders

Clan: extended family, lived in the same longhouse (included grandparents, aunts, uncles, children, ect.) everyone in society had their own job and their own place in ranking

Economy: the way that people in a state, region, or country use their resources to meet their needs

Columbia River: where the Chinook tribe lived

The Dalles: 200 miles upriver of the Columbia, it became the center of trade networks where many groups gathered, the Chinook created a language to trade since there were so many tribes, communication had been difficult before

Potlatch: celebration of the Kwakiutl tribe to honor the blessings of having plenty, Potlatch means “to give”

Kayaks: a one person canoe made of waterproof skins stretched over wood or bone.

Aleut: tribal people who lived in the Arctic regions near the North Pole, they hunted foxes, caribou, seals, walruses, whales, and polar bears, they lived near the coast on the Aleutian Islands, they lived in large groups and houses made of whalebone and sod

Aleutian Islands: coastal lands in the arctic region where the Aleut tribes lived, and hunted

Inuit: tribal people who lived in the Arctic regions near the North Pole, they hunted foxes, caribou, seals, walruses, whales, and polar bears, they lived in what is now Alaska and northernmost Canada, these people lived in year round tents, or igloos

Igloos: homes made of ice

Barter: exchange goods, trade