

Woodland Native American Culture

The Eastern Woodland Culture consisted of Indian tribes inhabiting the eastern United States and Canada. The Eastern Woodlands were moderate-climate regions roughly from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River and included the Great Lakes. This huge area boasted ample rainfall, numerous lakes and rivers, and great forests. The rich earth and forests from the Ohio River to the Gulf of Mexico comprised the southeastern part of the Eastern Woodlands. This culture region abuts the [Plains Culture](#) to the west and the [Subarctic Culture](#) to the north



Indian spearing fish



Little White Cloud

Eastern Woodland tribes lived in similar ways. Their complex societies were typically divided into classes, including a chief, his children, the nobility and commoners. Overall there were some variations in climate and harvestable flora and fauna. It followed that the tribes varied somewhat in diet and housing, apparel and transportation.

Ojibway Village



Before colonization, the Ojibwe were primarily a fishing people using all resources available to them to survive and did so by fishing, hunting, trapping, gathering wild rice, gathering berries, gardening and foraging for edible plants.



Chippewa Indians hunting deer on Snow Shoes.
Charles A. Zimmerman, Photographer, St. Paul, Minn.



Foraging



While using all resources around them, they did not waste anything and took only what was needed; life depended on those resources.



Ojibwa Culture

- ▶ One belief system on the Ojibwa centers on the important relationship between people and those who are other than people.
- ▶ Although skills and knowledge obtained from fellow Ojibwa are certainly important, there are other crucial aspects of a successful life that can only be known and achieved through dependence upon those who are not human.
- ▶ To the Ojibwa, the category of "persons" includes not only themselves, ANISHINABE, "human beings", but also animate beings who are not human.
- ▶ These beings are more powerful than human beings and might be classified as "supernatural."



Resources

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