

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND SETTLEMENTS IN TENNESSEE

- How did the name "Tennessee" originate?

originated from an American Indian word Tanatssee. Refers to "where the rivers come together."

Spelled many ways - Tansee, Tonice, Tenasi, Tunosee

- What cultures inhabited the major indigenous settlements in Tennessee?

- Paleo (Coats-Hines Site) - Paleo means ancient

Nomads - moved around and followed food (mammoths and mastodons)

Coats Hines site - found mastodon bones along with stone tools
This proved that Paleo Indians lived in TN

- Archaic

Hunter-gatherers - hunted animals, gathered food.

Lived in rock shelters, first groups to stay in one place

Created stone spears, and earliest pottery

- Woodland (Old Stone Fort, Pinson Mounds)

lived near forest lakes and rivers

hunter-gatherers, began farming (maize - kind of corn)

used bow and arrows, created pottery with designs

Pinson Mounds - used for burial and ceremonies) showed complex societies lived in TN

- Mississippian (Chucalissa Indian Village)

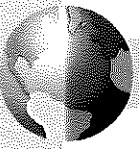
Lived in the Mississippi River Valley

Mound builders like the Woodland

Made weapons, pottery, and jewelry

hunter-gatherers and farmers

Chucalissa Indian Village - best preserved Prehistoric Indian Settlement



TENNESSEE

AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

- What four pre-colonial American Indian tribes lived in Tennessee?
- Cherokee
 - Chickasaw
 - Creek
 - Shawnee
- What were the various customs and traditions of each of the pre-colonial American Indian tribes residing in Tennessee?

Cherokee - largest group, lived in Southeast US.
 Men - hunted + traded
 Women - planted + gathered - equal to men
 Principal Chief/Beloved Woman - leader of Cherokee
 had a summer home and winter home

- Chickasaws - lived along rivers, lived in TN, AL, MS, KY.
Chief and village council
very warlike - raised sons to be brave fighters -
 Couldn't complain or show pain

Creeks - Lived in Southeast - Chattanooga, TN, AL, GA,
 Hunted / farmed
Built villages around plaza for games and ceremonies
Biggest enemy was the Cherokee

Shawnee
Nomads, lived in wigwams, Primary village in Nashville
 Traded with Europeans

THE CUMBERLAND GAP AND THE WILDERNESS ROAD

- How did the Cumberland Gap influence migration into the Tennessee region following the Proclamation of 1763?

Proclamation of 1763 - set aside land west of the Appalachian mountains for the American Indians. It prohibited the colonists from settling there.

People did not like this

- * The Cumberland Gap was a shortcut through the Appalachian Mountains where VA, TN, & KY meet.
- * Shortcut was like an invitation to the settlers.
- * It influenced people to travel to the Tennessee region and make it their home.

- How did the Wilderness Road influence migration into the Tennessee region following the Proclamation of 1763?

- * Daniel Boone carved a road through the Cumberland Gap by cutting down trees and making a road. Settlers sent goods back east and the road became important for trade.