

Apache by Joseph

The Apache Indians are actually made up of several sub-tribes. In the past, they lived mostly in Arizona, Northwest Mexico, New Mexico, parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Utah. Today, the Apache people can be found in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and the Oklahoma plains.

The Apaches were mostly hunters, hunting wild game such as deer, buffalo, and rabbits, using bows and arrows. They also gathered roots and berries, fruits, and grew plants and planted corn. They also were known to get foods by trading or raiding neighboring peoples.

The Apaches dressed themselves in the skins of the animals they hunted. The tribes that lived near Mexico later adopted clothing styles of the area, men wearing shirts and the women wearing long skirts and such.

Many ceremonies were performed among the Apache people. They believed in many spirit beings, and Medicine Men would perform religious ceremonies before and after hunts.

Most Apaches lived in tent-like dwellings called, "Wickiups". The dome shaped lodges were made of wood poles covered with brush, grass or reed mats. Other tribes of Apaches made Tee-Pees that covered the wooden poles with animal skins. They had fire pits inside, and a smoke hole at the top for a chimney.



Five interesting facts I learned about the Apaches:

1. The leaders of local family groups would meet in council to elect a war chief. t
2. They have special celebrations when a child enters adulthood.
3. "Apache" means "the enemy."
4. While some tribes of Apache were peaceful people, some were aggressive warriors.
5. Many Apaches decorated their clothing with beads.