

## Cherokee by Kyra



**LOCATION:** The Cherokee tribes are from the American southeast region. They come from Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. Most Cherokees moved to Oklahoma in the 1800's along the trail of tears.

**FOOD:** The Cherokee people were farmers. Cherokee women harvested the crops of corn, beans, squash and sunflowers. Cherokee men hunted deer, wild turkeys and fished in the rivers. They also ate nuts, berries and fruit. Their meals were stews with cornbread and soups they cooked on a stone stove.

**HOMES:** The Cherokee tribes lived in villages, usually by a river for water supply. Cherokee houses were made of river cane and plaster with roofs. These houses were as warm and strong as a log cabin. They also built big buildings for ceremonies.

**ART AND MUSIC:** The Cherokee people did baskets, pottery and beadwork for art and crafts. They did a lot of drumming and dancing around in a circle.

**CLOTHING:** The Cherokee men wore cloths and leggings and the women wore wraparound shirts and a poncho style shirt. They wore their hair in long braids.

**FAMILY LIFE:** The men went out and did all the hunting and the women did the cleaning, cooking and took care of the kids. All kids had chores.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** The Trail of Tears is when all the Native Americans had to move to Oklahoma because the president made them. A lot of Cherokee people died because it was wintertime.