

Kickapoo by Christian

Where did the tribe live? Originally they lived in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. They were travelers and like to move south.

Where do they live now? Kickapoo people live in 3 groups in the USA-Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas and 1 tribe in Coahuila, Mexico.

What did they eat? The men hunted deer and small game. The women grew crops. Some of the things they grew were corn, squash and beans. One of their native dishes is called *pugna* which is cornbread.

What did they wear? They traveled so much that their style changed a lot. Both men and women did not wear shirts. Originally men wore breechcloth and leggings and women wore wraparound skirts. They also wore moccasins on their feet and fur caps or beaded headbands on their heads.

What special ceremonies did they have? A display of lightning and thunder in February means its the beginning of the New year. Religious rituals and dances and herbal medications are used to treat the sick. There is also a spiritual ceremony for death and birth. They believe in the after life.

What kind of homes did they build? They lived in small dome shaped houses called *wickiups*. They were made out of wood and sticks and branches. Today the tribes that live in Mexico still live in wickiups but the tribes in the US live in normal homes like us.



Five interesting facts that I learned about the Kickapoo tribe:

1. They were farmers.
2. Only the women slept in a house.
3. They walked a lot and traveled far distances without horse.
4. They now live in houses, but the tribe in Mexico still lives in wickiups.
5. They believe in ghosts and spirits and gave sacrifices.