



# Mohican

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## Clothing

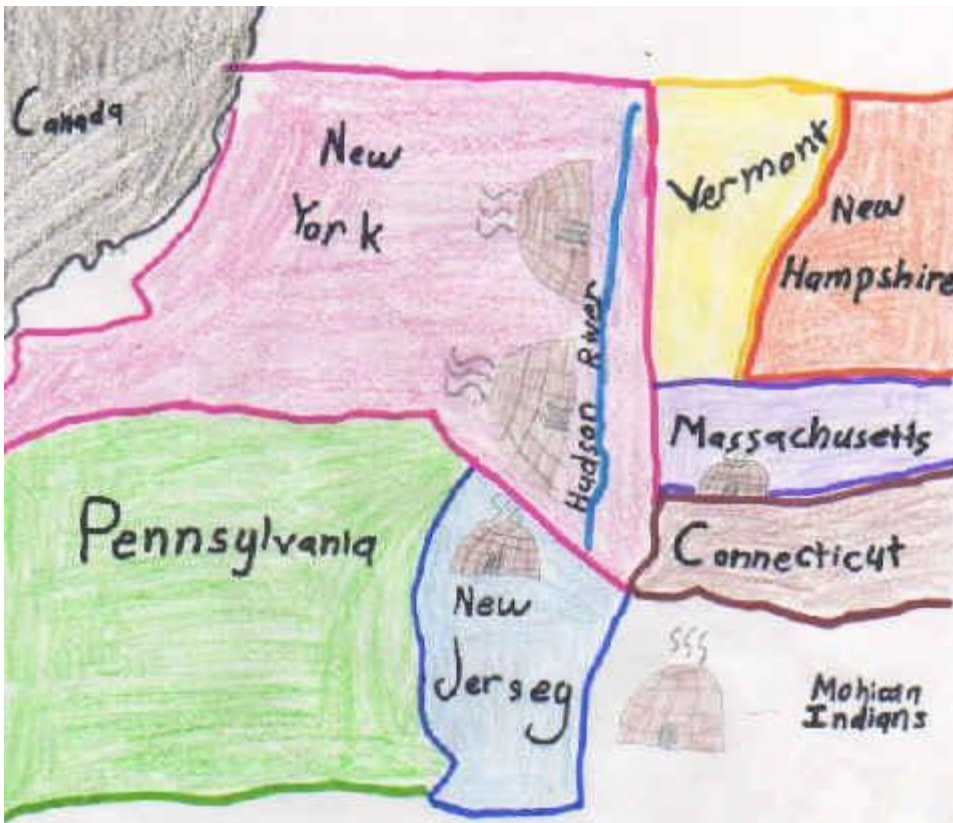
Mohicans wore headbands with beads and one or two feathers. The men and women both had to wear their hair in two long thick braids. The men also wore Mohawks which was a type of hairstyle. Mohican men only cut their hair before they went off to war. The women wore skirts with leggings and men wore breechcloths with leather pant legs tied on. Both men and women did not wear shirts,

but they did wear long sleeved shirts when the weather was cool and they also wore moccasins. Moccasins are soft leather slippers. Today Mohican Indians still wear traditional moccasins and headbands. They also wear normal clothes like jeans. They only wore feathers on their head for special occasions, like a dance.

## Tribal Life

Mohican Indians were farmers. Mohican women harvested corn and cooked squash, beans, sunflower seeds, soup, and trail mix, while the men hunted for deer, moose, and turkeys. In the spring, Mohicans gathered sap from maple trees. With the sap from the trees they would make sugar and syrup. Mohicans lived in peace with the seasons and they found everything they needed to live off of Mother Earth. During the spring men went fishing for Herring. Herring is a type of fish. Men also built canoes. In the fall and winter the men went hunting for animals in the woods. Mohican men traveled in snowshoes to hunt game.





Game is a type of bird. Also during the winter they made pottery, blankets, and clothing for future use. Mohicans also put decorations on the blankets using shells, porcupine quills, and other natural things.

### Dwellings

The word Mohican means "From the waters that are never still". Mohican is the native name of the Hudson River, and the Mohicans used to live near the Hudson River. Mohicans lived along the banks of the Hudson River in what is now New York State. When Europeans came to

New York they brought diseases and also killed many of the Mohicans. The surviving Mohican Indians were forced to move to Massachusetts and Wisconsin. Some Mohican Indians still live in New York and Massachusetts. Mohicans built their houses near rivers, so they will not have to travel far to get food and water. Their homes were called wigwams and the houses were small round buildings. Wigwams were made with bent saplings and the roof out of elm bark shingles.

