

# Tlingit Tribe

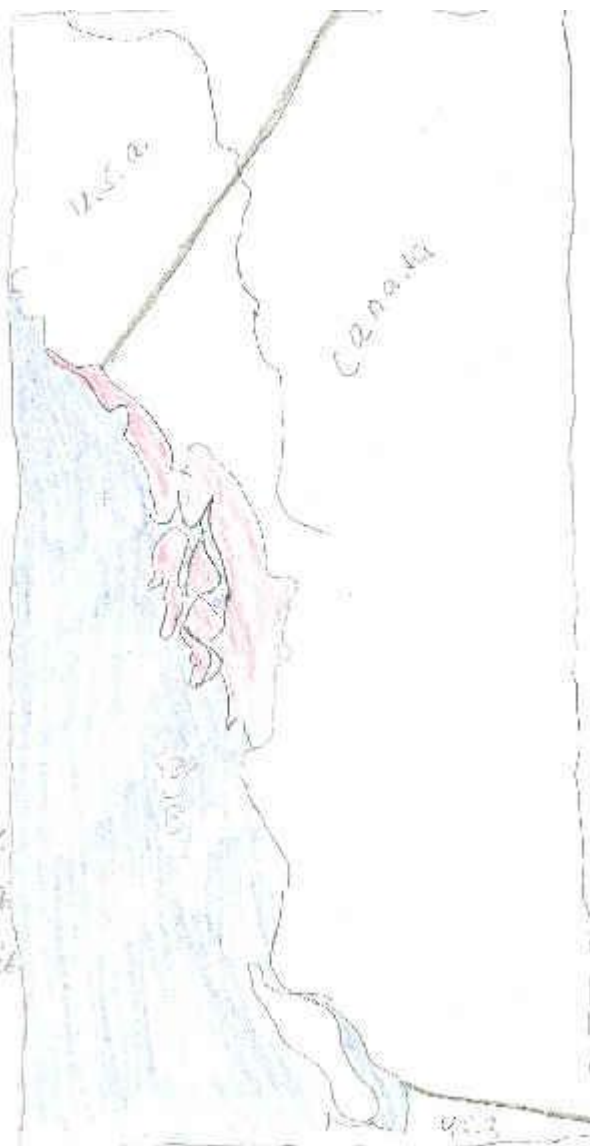
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Tlingit villages face the sea. The Tlingit people depend on the sea outside their front door and the woods and rivers outside their back door. The Tlingit tribes mostly live along the Alaska coast.



The Tlingits like Pacific salmon and shell fish. Since the ocean is their front yard, they take their canoes out and catch fish. Their backyard is the woods, so they go hunting for things like deer and bear.



Canoes are the Tlingit's transportation. To make a canoe they had to carve a dugout from a large piece of wood such as cottonwood. They used tools that they made to hollow out the log. They would then shape the log by filling it with water and heating it with hot rocks. Then they could shape the wood. The Tlingits would make their own waterproof paint by mixing minerals, salmon eggs and chewed spruce gum and put it on the canoe using a bear or porcupine hair brush.

