

Iroquois by Taj



My report is about an Indian tribe called the Iroquois. They were originally located in New

York surrounded by freshwater rivers, lakes with forests covering mountains and hills. The Iroquois lived in long houses surrounded with fences to keep out wild animals and trespassers. They used elm bark to build their houses, they were framed with bent saplings stuck in the ground and each longhouse was as long as a school bus. They would also put animal names over each longhouse to separate groups.

They wore moccasin shoes made out of porcupine skin dipped in vegetable dyes and covered with beads. The men wore breech clothes with long leggings, women wore wrap around skirts with short leggings and tunics.

They ate fish, squash, corn, wild berries, beans and herbs. The women planted and farmed and were in charge of property and family. Iroquoian men were in charge of hunting, trading and war. The children played, went to school and did chores, some even hunted with their fathers.

The Iroquois really liked music their two important instruments were drums and flutes, they filled each drum with water to give it a distinctive sound. For art they used sharp bones and charcoal to make cool tattoos.

They were also known for their mask carvings each mask was sacred but different and all of them had a crooked nose, some men wore these masks to scare off the evil spirits of sickness.

The Iroquois also believed that they were related to every thing on earth in the sky and the spirit world for example they believed that the sun was an older brother; lightning and moon were their grandparents.