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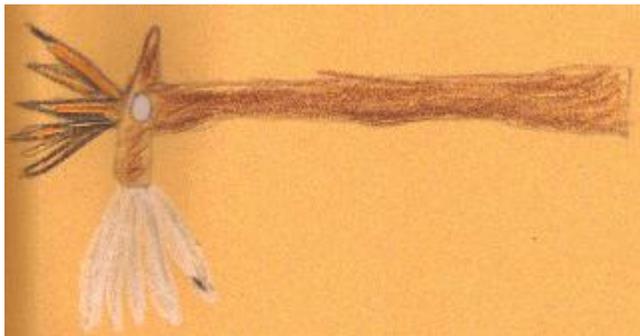
### Dwellings

The Pomo built homes by sinking a circle of poles in the ground. The poles were bent together at the top and tied with strong vines. Bunches of long grass or reeds were then tied to the frame. When they were finished, the houses looked like upside-down baskets.



### Clothing

In their warm climate, the Pomo needed little clothing. The men wore a loin cloth. The women wore a skirt. Skirts were sometimes made of deerskin, but more often they were made of fibers from rushes or shredded redwood or willow bark. The Pomo usually went barefoot and bareheaded. The men sometimes wore earrings made of decorated bird bones or rods dipped with feathers or beads.



### **Ceremonies**

**The Pomo had many ceremonial dances - some sacred and some based on myths. One was the Dama ceremony, which took four days and featured acrobatic stunts. There was also a thunder dance and a coyote ceremony. In many such rituals, the dancers were painted or wore costumes made of feather and quills. They usually hid their faces with a bunch of twigs.**