

SEMINOLE

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The Seminole Indians were part of the Creek Tribe. They lived in Georgia and Alabama. When the settlers came they took over the Indians' farmland. The Indians who ran away were called Seminole and they moved to Florida. Now they live on reservations in southern Florida.

The Seminole were farmers. They ate what they grew. Their main crop was com. They were also good hunters. They got fish, otter, raccoon, alligator and deer.

The women wore a long skirt and a blouse. The

men wore a knee length one piece. All the clothes were bright and colorful. They wore moccasins on their feet. Babies wore patchwork dresses.

One of the ceremonies they had was called the Corn Dance. It was held in June. It was the start of the New Year. Another ceremony was called the Hunting Dance. That was held in September.

The Seminole lived in a chickee. The chickee was built with a cypress log frame and a palmetto thatch roof. The sides were open so the wind could blow through. There was hardly any furniture in the chickee. They slept in hammocks.

I thought these were interesting facts:

The Seminole were excellent wood carvers.

The women cooked for the entire village. Everyone ate in the eating house. There were two big meals during the day, breakfast and lunch. Everybody ate with their fingers.

Women wore many beads at a time so none of their neck showed.

Florida State University's mascot is called the Seminole.