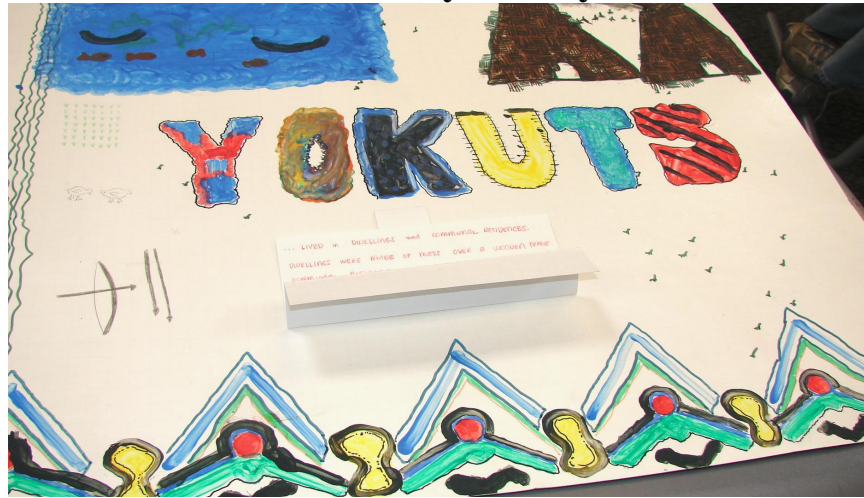


Yokuts by Macky



☺ This is my report on the Yokuts tribe. Before I did this report all I knew about the Yokuts was that they lived in South America. Learning about the Yokuts I grew more interested in the subject and started researching. I searched the web and found a couple websites that were all about the Yokuts. They lived in the desert so, the weather was mostly hot. The southern valley lied in the upper end of the San Joaquin Valley. This area provided them with animals, plant food, and wildlife.

The Yokuts tribe lived in two types of houses. One was called dwellings and the other was called communal residences. Dwellings were made for a single family and were not dug in. They were not dug in because water would flood the house. Communal residences were long and had step roofs. They were made for as many as 10 families with a door and a fireplace of their own. They would also cover the roofs with mats to keep the communal residence dry.

The Yokuts ate fish, geese, and ducks. They hunted with spears and fished nets and basket traps. As an Indian tribe dated back to at least 8,000 years ago, they didn't have sneakers and v-neck t-shirts. Instead, the men were bare naked or wore one piece of cloth. The women wore a narrow apron in the front of their body and a bigger piece in the back. When the weather gets cold, they wrapped themselves in blankets or skin from animals. They usually didn't wear any shoes, but when they traveled, they wore hand made moccasins. The women wore basket-like hats to carry food.

Women's tattoos were usually zigzagged with rows of dots on their chin. Instead of tattoos, men had piercing in their earlobes and noses. The yokuts' marriage was arranged and after a year of the being married the couple were to move into the father's home.

One of the yokuts religious belief was focused on weather. There were religious authorities called Shamans. They were believed to heal people. If the Shaman failed to heal, the person was suspected to be evil and used their "power" in a bad way.

It's interesting to learn about Yokuts and how they lived. I hope you would learn something from this report too.