

### How American Indians Got Their Name



Christopher Columbus called the people he found in the lands he discovered "Indians" because he thought he was in the Indies (near China).

### Virginia Indians Three Major Language Groups

1. Algonquian was spoken primarily in the Tidewater region. The Powhatans were a member of this group.

2. Siouan was spoken primarily in the Piedmont region.

3. Iroquoian was spoken in Southwestern Virginia and in Southern Virginia near what is today North Carolina; the Cherokee were a part of this group.

### Eastern Woodlands Indians



Forests, which have a variety of trees, cover most of the land. Virginia's Indians are referred to as Eastern Woodland Indians.

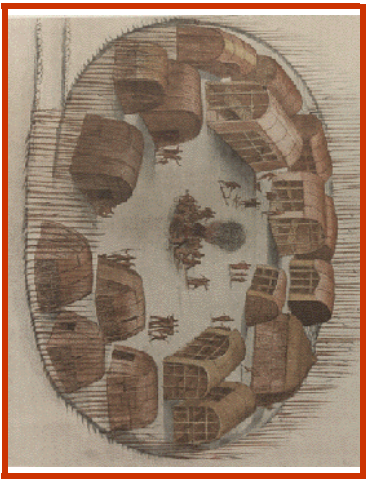
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Foods changed with the seasons.

Shelter was made from materials around them.





Animal skins (deerskin) were used for clothing.

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In winter, they hunted birds and animals.



In spring, they fished and picked berries.



In summer, they grew crops: beans, corn, squash.



In fall, they harvested crops.