

The background features a stylized landscape with orange hills and clouds. The hills are represented by rounded, overlapping shapes in various shades of orange. The clouds are depicted as simple, rounded shapes in a darker shade of orange. The overall color palette is warm and monochromatic.

# Illinois Tribes

Learning about the first Native  
People in Illinois

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# Websites to help you out (though you may need to find more!)

## All tribes

<https://mrnussbaum.com/history/native-americans>

[https://www.ducksters.com/history/native\\_americans.php](https://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans.php)

## Illini

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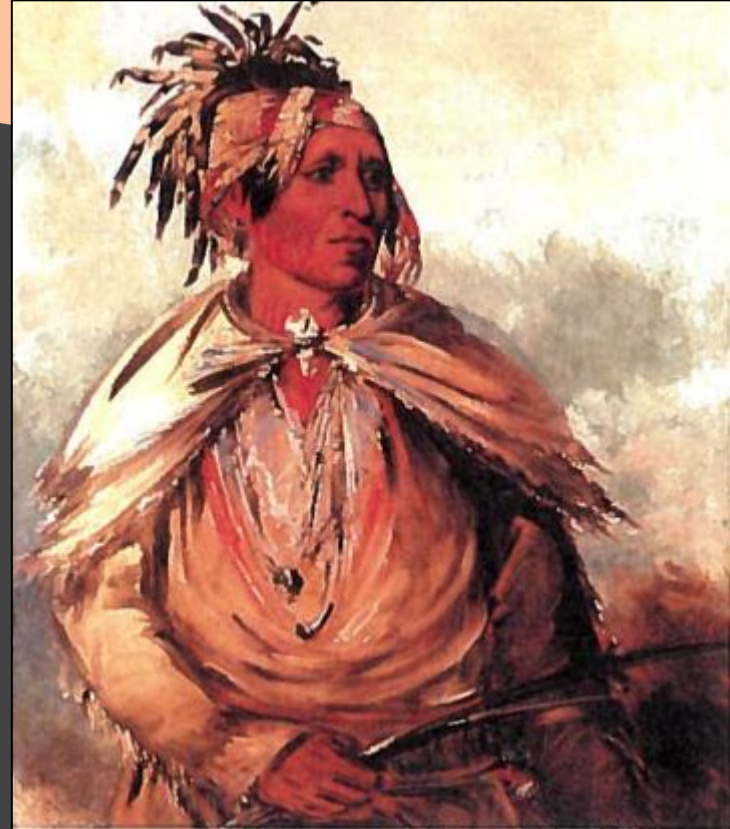
## Kickapoo

[http://www.bigorin.org/kickapoo\\_kids.htm](http://www.bigorin.org/kickapoo_kids.htm)

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Kickapoo/353336>

# Your Task...

- After 1600, new groups of Native Americans migrated to and settled into what is now Illinois.
- Your job today is to research these groups of Native Americans and find out how they were alike and different.



# The Illini or Illiniwek tribe: One of the largest and most powerful groups of Native Americans in Illinois Country

Which smaller groups of Native Americans made up the Illini tribe? (Hint: there are 12!)

edit text here The Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma is made up of the original Illini tribe.

Describe how the Illini hunted/gathered. Did they move from place to place? Who was in charge of what (male/female roles)?

edit text here The Illini were farming people. The women did the farming and the men did the hunting. The Illini indians fought with other tribes. The Chief was in charge.

In June, July, and the winter months, the Illini lived in **wigwams**. Describe what a wigwam is here:

A wigwam is a dome shaped hut made by fastening mats, skins or bark over a framework of poles

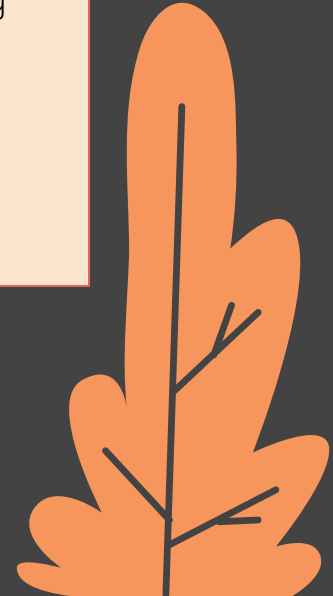
How was a wigwam built? It is built by fastening different materials, once the base ropes are used to hold it in place.

In the summer, the Illini lived in longhouses. Describe what a longhouse is here:

A longhouse is a long, narrow single room building made of tree bark.

Describe what daily life was like in an Illini village: (hints: season change, hunting, gathering, harvesting, male/female roles, children):

In the Illini village the women would do the farming and the men would do the hunting. The children had more chores and less time to play but they did have toys like child size bow and arrows also corn husk dolls.



# Picture collage! Fill this page with pictures of 5 things you researched on the previous 2 slides about the Illini. Hints: wigwams, their tribe, longhouses, familial roles, etc.



# The Kickapoo: the 1700's

Where did the Kickapoo first settle when they moved to Illinois?

The Kickapoo first settled in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Describe the traditional dress of the Kickapoo. Were their winter clothes different than spring/summer?

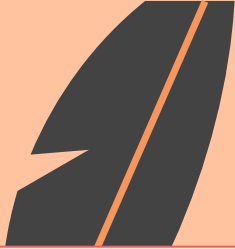
Both men and women wore deerskin mantles in cool weather. They wore moccasins on their feet, fur caps or beaded headbands on their heads. Later the Kickapoos adapted their dress from other tribes they met during their travels.

The Kickapoo were skilled farmers. What did they cultivate and how?

The Kickapoos main food was corn. The woman raised corn and baked a cornbread called pugna. They also planted squash and beans.

How did the Kickapoo find food in Illinois?

The men hunted deer, small game and went fishing.




The Kickapoos lived in homes called **wickiups**. Describe what a wickiup was and how it was built

A **wickiup** is a hut consisting of an oval frame covered with brushwood or grass.

Describe a day in the life of the Kickapoo tribe. What would the men be doing? Women? Children?

Kickapoo men were hunters and sometimes went to war to protect their families. The women were farmers and baked cornbread as well as made corn husk dolls for their children. The children would play and had chores





# Your turn

**Directions:** Select one of the below Native American tribes to research and 5 questions from the question list to answer about that tribe. On the next slide, answer your chosen questions in the boxes and then create a collage on the following page.

## Tribes

- The Cherokee
- The Sioux
- The Chinook
- The Inuit
- The Potawatomi
- The Iroquois
- The Shawnee

## Questions:

- 1) What is an interesting fact about your selected tribe's **culture**? (think: ceremonies, beliefs, handmade crafts, etc.)
- 2) What was their **diet** like? (What did they eat)
- 3) What were the **family roles** like?
- 4) What was the traditional **dress/clothing** like? (What was it made of)
- 5) What were their **homes** like?
- 6) What kinds of **weapons/tools** did they use?
- 7) What was their **transportation** like? (canoes? horseback? walking?)
- 8) What other tribes were they **friends** with?





**Tribe Name:** The Cherokee indian

Answer five questions from the previous slide here. Don't forget to number your questions!

1. What is an interesting fact about your selected tribe's **culture**

**The Cherokee name means in Creek people of different speech.**

2. What were their **homes** like?

The Cherokee lived in Wattle or Daub houses that are made by weaving rivercane, wood and vines into a frame the coating the frame with plaster.

3. What kinds of **weapons/tools** did they use?

The Cherokee used warclubs, tomahawks, battle hammers, knives, bows and arrows, spears and axes.

4. What was the traditional **dress/clothing** like?

Cherokee men wore breechcloths and leggings. Cherokee women wore wrap around skirts and poncho blouses made from deerskin.

5. What other tribes were they **friends** with?

The Cherokee were off and on friends with the Creeks, Chickasaw and Shawnee.



# Picture Collage! Fill this page with 5 things you researched from your selected tribe!

