

## What is the Northeast Region?

The Northeast region of the United States is where you live! This region includes the states of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine.



## What is the Land and Climate Like Here?

In the Northeast region there is rich soil for farming. There are many water ways like rivers, lakes, and streams which help with farming. The Atlantic Ocean is along the coast of the Northeast region.

The Northeast region has many different weather patterns. In the winter it is very cold, creating snow and rain. In the summer it is very warm, which is perfect for farming crops.

## What Native Americans Tribes Lived Here?

In the Northeast, there were many tribes that lived in the region. The largest tribe was the **Iroquois**.

The Iroquois lived in New York and all across the Northeast region. They were part of a group of many different tribes of Native Americans called the Iroquois League. As the Iroquois League grew, the Iroquois adopted other Native American cultures.



## What Did Northeast Native Americans Live In?

There were two different styles of housing that Native Americans lived in in the Northeast Region.

**Longhouses:** This style of housing was built with Elm tree bark covering pole frames. These houses were very long, with raised platforms inside, creating two floors in the homes. Wood screens divided the longhouses into separate rooms because many families lived in them together. About 60 people would live in one house. Longhouses were a good type of home for people who did not move around and stayed in the same spot.

**Wigwams:** This style of housing was made from woven mats and birchbark that covered poles. Wigwams were much smaller than Longhouses. They were good homes for people who live in one place for a few months at a time.



## What Food Did Northeast Native Americans Eat?

All across the United States, Native American tribes **hunted, fished, and gathered food**. In the Northeast region, many Native Americans **farmed** to make food for their families.

Think of foods that you eat at home and then listen to the video below about farming in the Northeast region. Take out a piece of paper and write down the foods that Northeast Native Americans grew that you eat at home.

## What Clothes Did Northeast Native Americans Wear?

Because the Northeast has many different weather patterns, the clothing of Northeast Native Americans depends on the season. In warmer weather most men wore skirt cloths and no shirt. Women would wear skirts and leggings with tops. In colder weather, men and women both wore fur parkas.