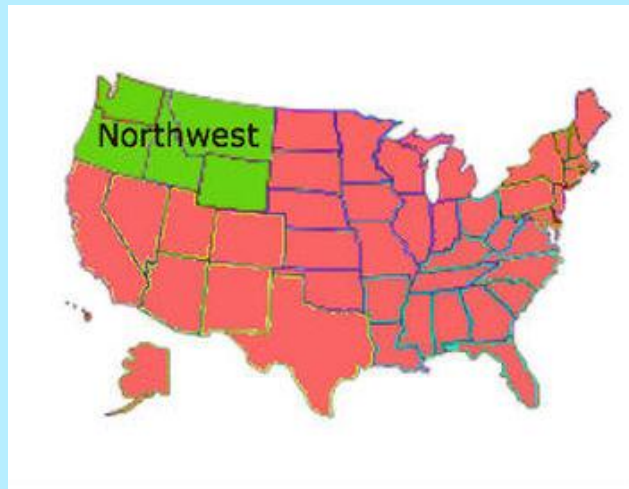


What is the Northwest Region?

The Northwest region is along the west coast of the United States. The states that make up this region were Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.



What is the Land and Climate Like Here?

The Northwest region is along the Pacific Ocean coast. The soil is very rocky, so it does not make for good farming. Like the Northeast region, the Northwest region has very cold winters and warm summers.



What Native American Tribes Lived Here?

There are many tribes that lived in the Northwest region. Some of these were the **Chinook**, **Tillamook**, **Coast Salish**, and the **Tlingit**. These groups are well known for its hand-crafted **totem poles**. A totem pole in front of a home shows the generations and social rank of that family.

What Did Northwest Native Americans Live In?

In the Northwest region, Native Americans lived in **plank houses**. These homes were made from long, flat planks of cedar wood attached to a wooden frame. Plank houses were perfect for living in cold climates. They also could fit more than one family. They did not have metal nails to hold on the logs together so they used wooden pegs instead.

To keep the rain out, they overlapped wooden planks. There were no windows but a hole in the roof to let air in and smoke from cooking fires. Plank houses fit more than one family and were used for permanent living.



What Food Did Northwest Native Americans Eat?

Native Americans in the Northwest region got most of their food from **fishing**. Male tribe members would use bows, arrows, spears, and fishhooks to catch their food. Some of the common animals they ate were seals, salmon, sea otters, and whales. They also ate plants and fruits that were from the forest.

What Clothes Did Northwest Native Americans Wear?

Tribes on the coast wore little clothing, except when it was cold. Many items of clothing were made from cedar bark and helped shield people from the rain and wind. Necklaces made of beaver teeth, bear claws, clam shells.



