

What is the Plains Region?

The Plains Region is the middle of the United States. The states that make up this region today are Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

What is the Land and Climate Like Here?

The Midwest has a lot of flat land and fertile soil, making it easy to farm. The flat land also makes it easy for animals to graze. The Midwest is between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains.

What Native American Tribes Lived Here?

In the Midwest region, there were many tribes that lived there. The **Blackfeet**, **Sioux**, and **Chippewa** were the three largest tribes in this region. These tribes never settled in one place because the tribes were well known for their religious ceremonies, hunting skills, and war customs.

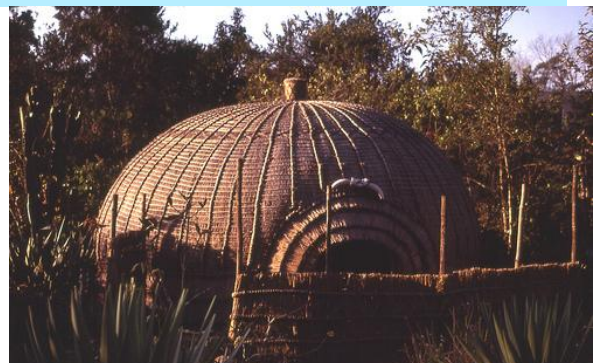


Where Did Midwest Native Americans Live?

Native American tribes in the Midwest lived in two different types of homes.

Tepees: These tent like homes were shaped like a cone with buffalo hide covered a wooden frame. Tepees were designed to break down quickly because Midwestern Native Americans did not live in permanent settlements. They were very small and only fit one family.

Grass Houses: These houses were built by Native Americans in the southern Midwest. They were made with a wooden frame covered with prairie grass. Grass houses were good for living in warm climates because they had thin walls.



What Did Midwest Native Americans Eat?

Midwestern Native American tribes **hunted and gathered**. These tribes were big game hunters for bison and caribou. Many tribes worked together to capture large animals. There was some farming, but not much. Many tribes traded with each other because they could only grow one or two crops.



What Clothes Did Midwest Native Americans Wear?

Male Midwest Native Americans wore skin leggings and cloths around their waists. Women would wear dresses made out of deerskin. In the winter, people would wear buffalo skin on their shoulders to keep warm from the cold.

