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# Lesson 2-2 Notes: The Eastern Woodlands



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# Life in the Eastern Woodlands

- The Eastern Woodlands cultural region stretched East of the Mississippi River through the thick forests that once covered this land.
- The Eastern Woodlands people built villages along the banks of rivers and streams flowing through the forests.
- Groups of Native Americans living in the Eastern Woodlands shared a common natural resource: Trees.
- Within these groups there was a **division of labor**, meaning jobs were divided between men and women.
- Men: Hunting and fishing.
- Women: Preparing food, making clothing, taking care of the children, planting and harvesting crops (farming).
- Grew crops such as corn, beans, and squash.



# Eastern Woodlands Cultural Region



# The Iroquois

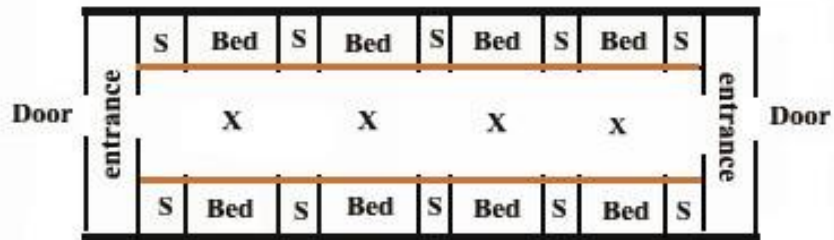
- The Iroquois were made up of five tribes and were known as the Five Nations:
  - Mohawk
  - Oneida
  - Onondaga
  - Cayuga
  - Seneca
- The Iroquois built their villages on top of steep hills and build **palisades**, or walls of tall wooden poles, around their villages.
- The Iroquois lived in shelters called **longhouses**, which were long wooden buildings that could hold up to 50 people.
- The Iroquois grew three main crops, often called the Three Sisters:
  - Corn
  - Beans
  - Squash



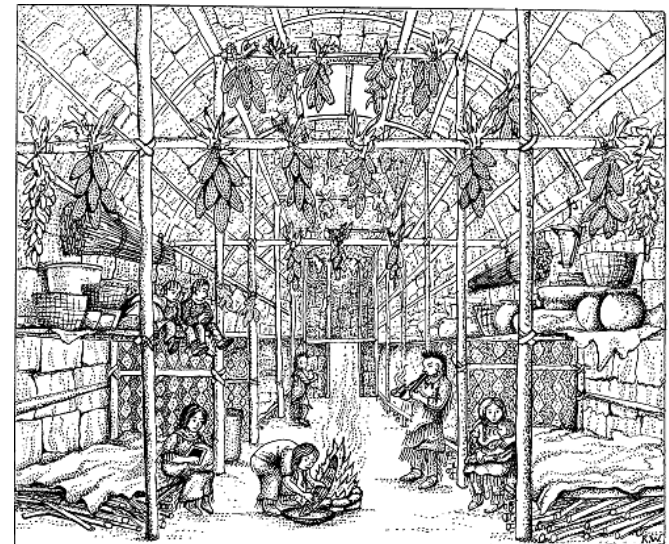
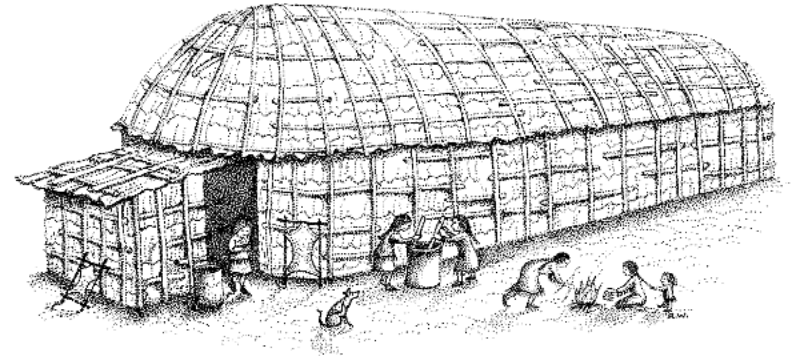
# The Iroquois

- Longhouses

Longhouse Floor Plan



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10 feet tall forked top poles

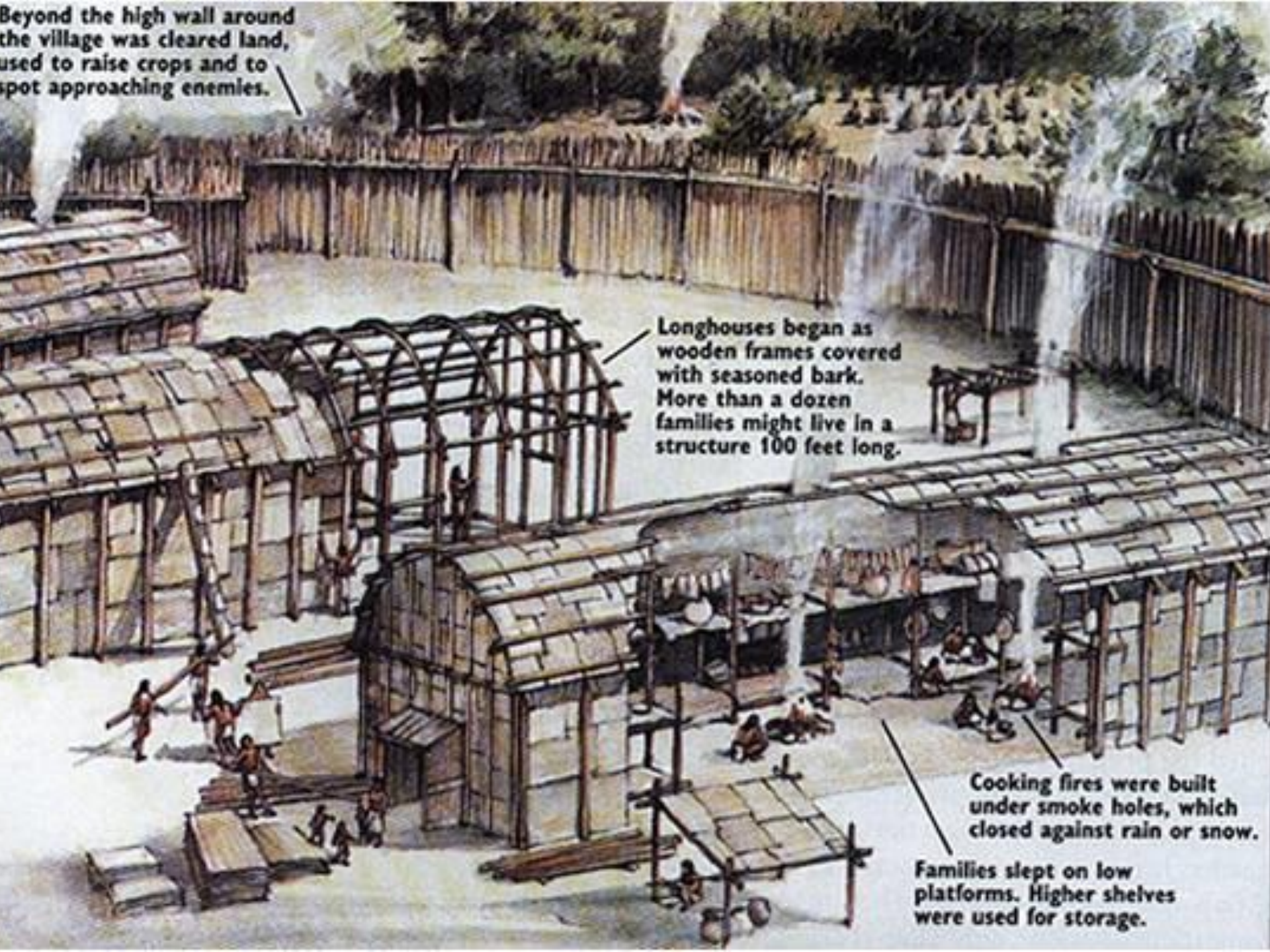


Beyond the high wall around the village was cleared land, used to raise crops and to spot approaching enemies.

Longhouses began as wooden frames covered with seasoned bark. More than a dozen families might live in a structure 100 feet long.

Cooking fires were built under smoke holes, which closed against rain or snow.

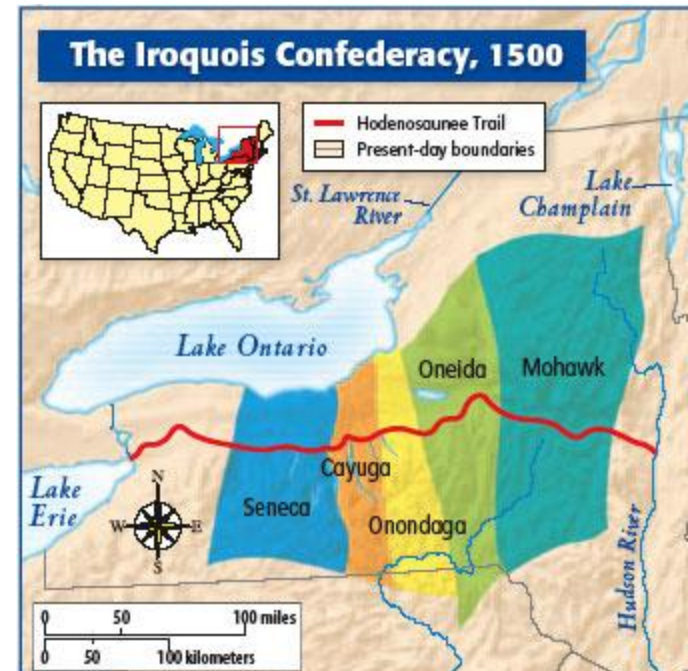
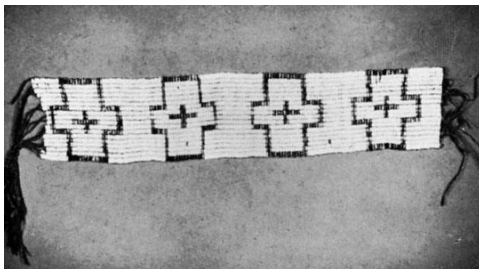
Families slept on low platforms. Higher shelves were used for storage.





# The Iroquois

- The Iroquois used **wampum**, or beads cut from seashells, to make beaded designs that showed important decisions, events, or stories. Wampum was also used for trading.
- The Iroquois League:
  - A confederation formed between the Iroquois tribes to stop fighting and make peace.
  - **A confederation** is a loose group of governments working together.
  - Members of each tribe joined the Great Council, which the League set up to settle disputes among people peacefully.



# The Algonquian

- The Algonquian were made up of three tribes, all three living on the Coastal Plain.
  - Delaware
  - Wampanoag
  - Powhatan
- Some Algonquian built longhouses similar to the Iroquois, but others built **wigwams**, round bark covered shelters.
- The Algonquians depended more on fishing and hunting for food than farming.

