

Introduction to History and Social Science

STANDARD 2.3 – American Indian Culture – Past & Present

The student will compare the lives and contributions of three

American Indian cultures of the past and present, with emphasis on

- a) the Powhatan of the Eastern Woodlands;
- b) the Lakota of the Plains; and
- c) the Pueblo peoples of the Southwest.

ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS

American Indian peoples have lived in Virginia and in other regions of America for thousands of years.

American Indians developed different cultures because they lived in different environments of North America.

American Indians made contributions to life in America in the past and continue to make contributions in the present

Terms to know

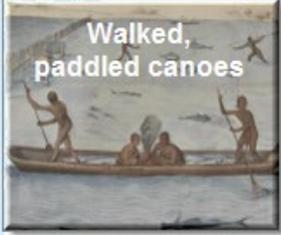
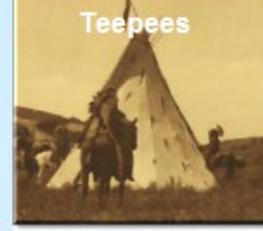
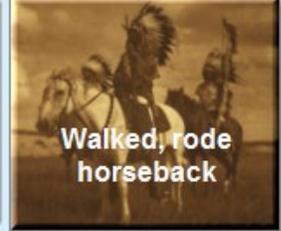
- **culture:** The beliefs, customs, and way of life of a group of people
- **regions:** Places that have common (the same) characteristics
- **environment:** Surroundings

Contributions of American Indians

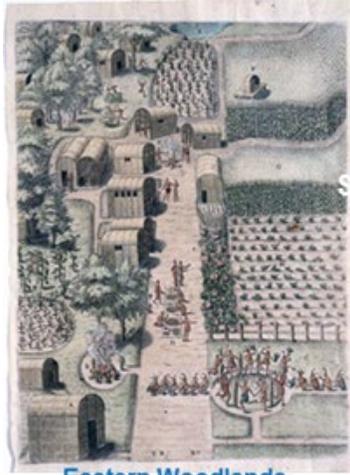
- Arts (pottery, weaving, carving)
- Knowledge of the environment
- Respect for nature
- Farming of corn and tobacco

Changes in American Indian culture

- American Indian cultures have **changed** over time.
- **Today**, American Indians live and work preserve their culture and teach people about past and present contributions to Virginia and the United States.

	REGIONS	HOMES	JOB	TRANSPORTATION
POWHATAN				
LAKOTA				
PUEBLO				

STANDARD 2.7 – American Indians & Environment



Eastern Woodlands
Powhatan Village



Southwest - home of
Pueblo



Great Plains - home of
Lakota

Ways American Indians related to their environment

- The **Powhatan** farmed, **fished, hunted**, used **trees** for homes and **canoes**, and gathered **plants** for food.
- The **Lakota** moved around the region to hunt for **buffalo**. They later used **horses** for transportation.
- The **Pueblo** people farmed the land. They lived in villages in houses made of **adobe (clay)**.

Environments of three American Indian cultures of the past.

	Climate	Land
Eastern Woodlands (Powhatan)	Mild winters; hot, humid summers	Rivers, hills, mountains, coastland
Plains (Lakota)	Hot summers; harsh, cold winters	Plains, prairies, rolling hills
Southwest (Pueblo people)	Hot days, cold nights, little rainfall	High flatlands