

Texas Indians

Fishermen

Nomads

Karankawa

- Tall
- Strong
- Canes in their nose
- Lived near coast in winter/moved inland during the summer
- Friendly unless provoked

Atakapans

- Short
- Stocky
- Bushy Hair
- Lived near the ocean in the summer/moved inland during the winter

Fisherman



- Shelter
- Wikiups
- Lean-To's
- Brush Shelter

Fishermen

- Ate seafood, seeds, nuts—even locusts if hungry.
- Used Alligator fat for bug repellent
- Used canoes for moving and fishing
- Shaped babies' heads to cone shape

Plant Gatherers

Nomads

Coahuiltecan

- There was no one tribe called the Coahuiltecan. There were many bands that lived in the Coahuiltecan region.
- Up to 7 different languages. There were up to 140 different “tribal” names.
- Small, strong wore bones/teeth for decoration
- Food became scarce as Spanish moved in. Ate pecans, acorns, mesquite beans, small animals.
- Used dirt as a medicine for stomach aches.

Tonkawa



- Very friendly
- Got along with most other tribes
- Thought they descended from wolves—would not eat them.
- Ate very well. Many plants and animals in their region.

Plant Gatherers

- Most severe punishment--threw water on their kids heads
- Named kids when 2-3 years old
- Wikiups and Brush Shelters

Farmers

Caddo/Wichita

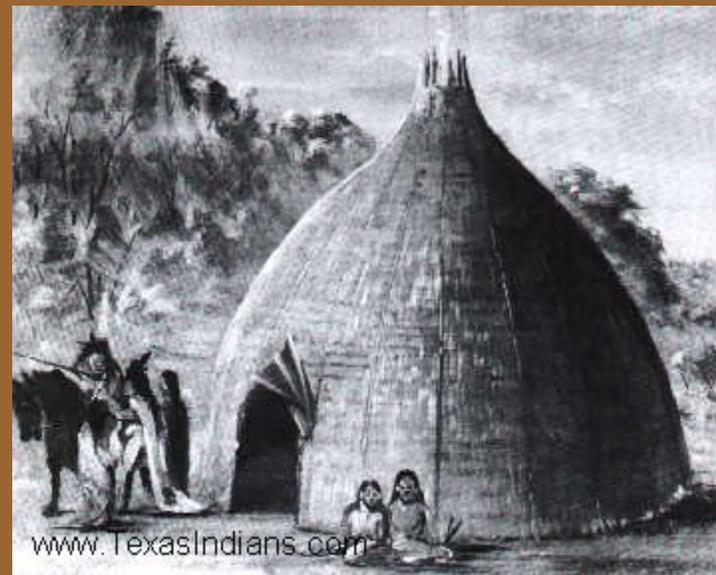
- pierced nose/tattos
- baskets
- pottery
- 2-year corn supply saved
- most advanced



Caddo Shelter



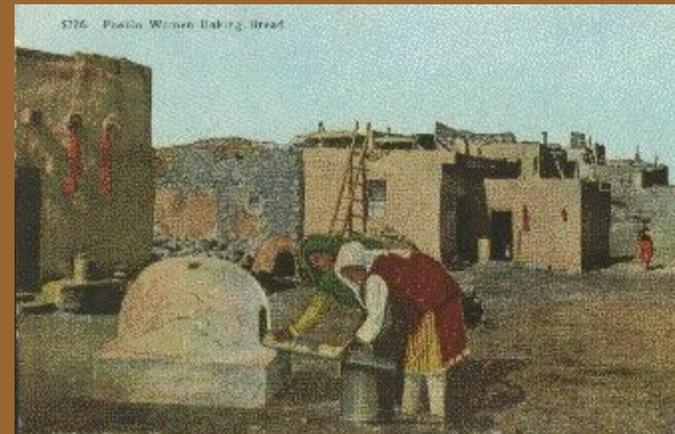
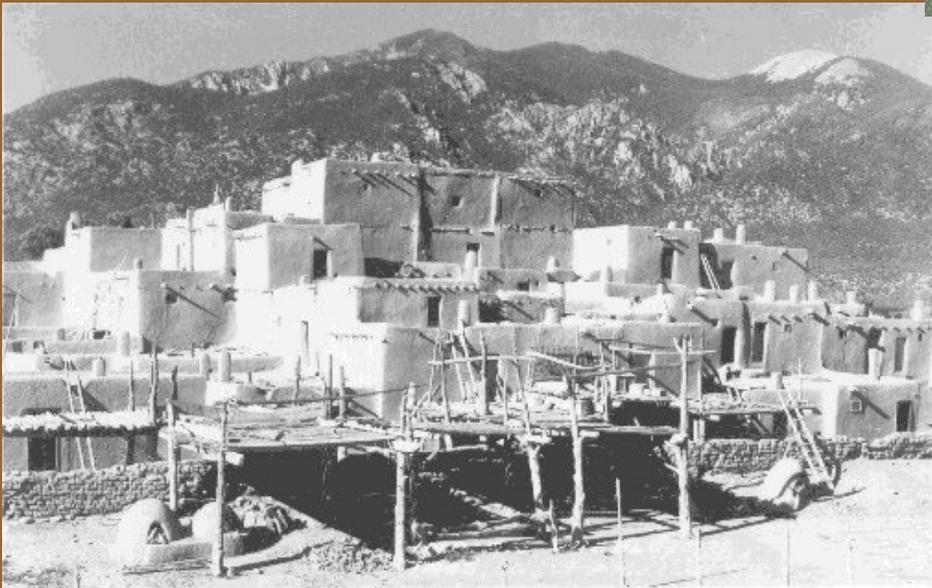
Wichita Shelter



Jumano

- pottery
- welcome house
- neat
- clean
- short hair
- turquoise jewelry

Jumano Shelter/Pueblos



Farmers

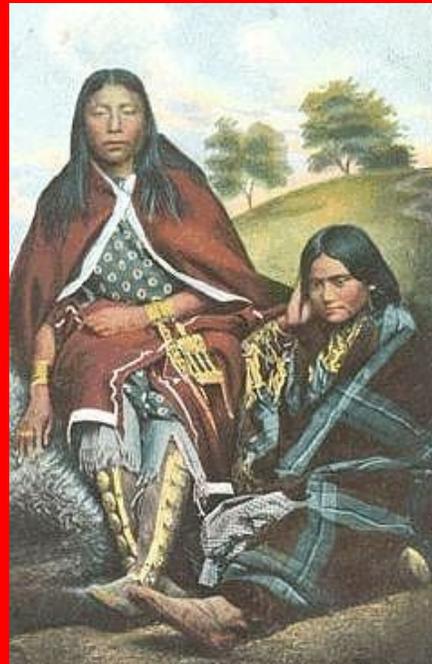
- They ate corn, beans, squash, pumpkins, and trapped animals.
- They also traded frequently with other kinds of natives.

Hunters

Nomads

Kiowa

- Hunters
- Lived in Tepees
- Called horses—sacred dogs



Kiowa

- Famous for their beadwork



Apache



- There were two groups living in Texas—the Mescalero and Lipan Apache
- They were not friendly to each other.
- Like all hunters, they lived in Tepees and hunted buffalo.
- Hunters used all parts of the buffalo.

Comanche



- The fiercest of all the tribes.
- The last tribe to be forced out of Texas.
- Tradition of stealing—then forcing others to pay to get their belongings or family members back

Comanche

- Lived like most hunters—in tepees following the buffalo tribes



The End



The Fishermen were all killed by disease or invasion.

The Coahuiltecan have descendants alive in south Texas today, but they are a mixture of Spanish and Coahuiltecan descent.

The rest of the Indians in our story have small numbers living on reservations in Oklahoma.

Source

- All information and pictures came from
- www.texasindians.com