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Native Notes for Map on Activity before British

Natives of Northeast

* Lifestyle – subsistence – hunt, gather, and farm
  + farm - corn in central mound, beans grow up corn stalk, squash along ground preserves water, keeps down weeds - creates high yield, is highly nutritious
* Gender roles - women - farmed , gathered, men – hunted , prepared fields
* Villages - varied – 1 or 2 houses to large towns
  + often come together in winter
  + land held in common by all
* Houses – wigwams/ some make longhouses - sapling frames covered by bark, mats, or skins
* Political organization - leaders chosen and/or hereditary, often two - one military, one political
  + Famous Iroquois Confederacy - alliance of 6 tribes that lasts 100s of years
* Social Organization - clans - descended from common male or female ancestor represented by animal totem
* Religious practices - guardian spirits, shaman/medicine men

Natives of Southeast

* Lifestyle – Subsistence - Hunt , Fish , Gather , Farm – corn, beans, squash, as in NE
* Gender roles – women – gather, farm, men – hunt, prepare soil
* Settlements – most have large permanent towns
  + Planned out – streets, public and private areas
  + earthen work walls topped by sharp poles (palisades) and a moat
* Houses – walls of interwoven poles covered by mud-plaster with thatched roofs
* Social organization – clans based on female ancestor
  + lived in wife’s village near her mother and female relatives on land owned by clan
  + Each clan associated with a certain type of leader – political, military or religious
* Political organization – highly military chiefdoms governed by religious beliefs
  + Settlements are independent but form alliances
* Religious practices - focus on building harmony: sacred fires, celebration at planting and harvest