

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE IROQUOIS INDIANS

This website has been created to share the Iroquois nation's stories, historical facts, and contributions. It will explain their culture & religion.

The tribe owned all lands but gave out tracts to the different clans for further distribution among households for cultivation. Thanks are due to each repository, publication, or individual source of materials listed below which made available copies of materials in its collections. Contemporary Life The total number of Iroquois today is hard to establish. Listen to a recorded reading of this page: Your browser does not support the audio element. The Council distinguished the "Western European concepts of land ownership" from the Iroquois view that "the earth is sacred" and "was created for all to use forever" not to be exploited merely for this present generation. The women of the tribe also gathered wild berries and roots, greens, barks, sunflower, nuts, and herbs for both cooking and for medicine. Despite the influence of Western culture, the Iroquois have maintained a unique view of property over the years. Hunting animals was not only important for meat, but for other parts of the animal as well. Madison, WI, Two leaders named the Peacemaker and Hayonhwatha thought that there had to be a better way. Dualism was applied to labor with each gender taking a clearly defined role that complemented the work of the other. Buffalo: Printed and sold by S. Cleveland: The Burrows Brothers, By Nicolas Cresswell. Although masks are commonly used among most Native Americans for many reasons including dance, celebrations, and to sell as decoration, the Iroquois strictly use their masks for religious purposes. New Haven: Yale University Press, Through the following day, Chief Thomas spoke with project staff who took extensive notes and taped his analyses of certain wampum belts. In a few cases a translation or annotation follows the document. Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Iroquois at war Source The Five Nations Source Beliefs and mythology To investigate and find the origins of the Iroquois mythology and beliefs is very difficult, as they were in close contact with the British and French people from as early as According to legend, she was carried down to the land by the wings of birds. These citations are to the original Jesuit Relations. Nonenmacher The French named them the Iroquois, but they called themselves the Haudenosaunee which means People of the Longhouse. Minutes of the Court of Albany, Rensselaerswyck and Schenectady, Government, beginning with the 15th Congress, They came up with the plan of peace. Where appropriate, documents and wampum belts in this microfilm publication are included with the kind permission of the sources listed above. The Indians usually built a strong, huge wooden palisade wall around the village and watch towers as well to provide protection for the people. Girls would wear two braids in their hair until they got married, then they would have a single braid. Also known as Indian Treaties and Surrenders from The Iroquois had a system of collectively owned land free to be used as needed by their members. Therefore, although the final microfilming at Research Publications now Primary Source Microfilm, an imprint of the Gale Group was done at a constant reduction ratio, there is no constant relation between the relative size of documents on the film and the actual dimensions of the originals. The hunters burned the forest from the open side of the V, forcing the animals to run towards the point where the village's hunters waited in an opening. Iroquois deerskin bag Source Clothing As one of the main diet apart from the crops of the Indians were deer meat, they had a huge supply of deer skin in the village.