

# Southeast Woodlands

## Housing

People built the roofs of chickees out of leaves or grass.

## Practices and Beliefs

Many Southeast Woodlands tribes celebrated the Green Corn Festival to honor the Summer's first corn crop.

## Art

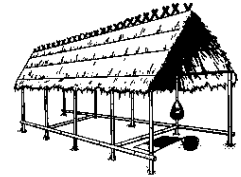
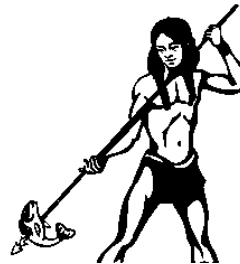
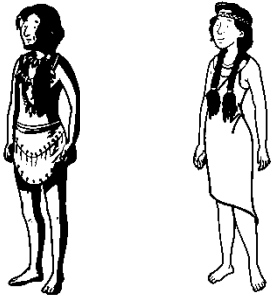
Some Southeast Woodlands tribes made pottery out of wet clay dug from the ground.

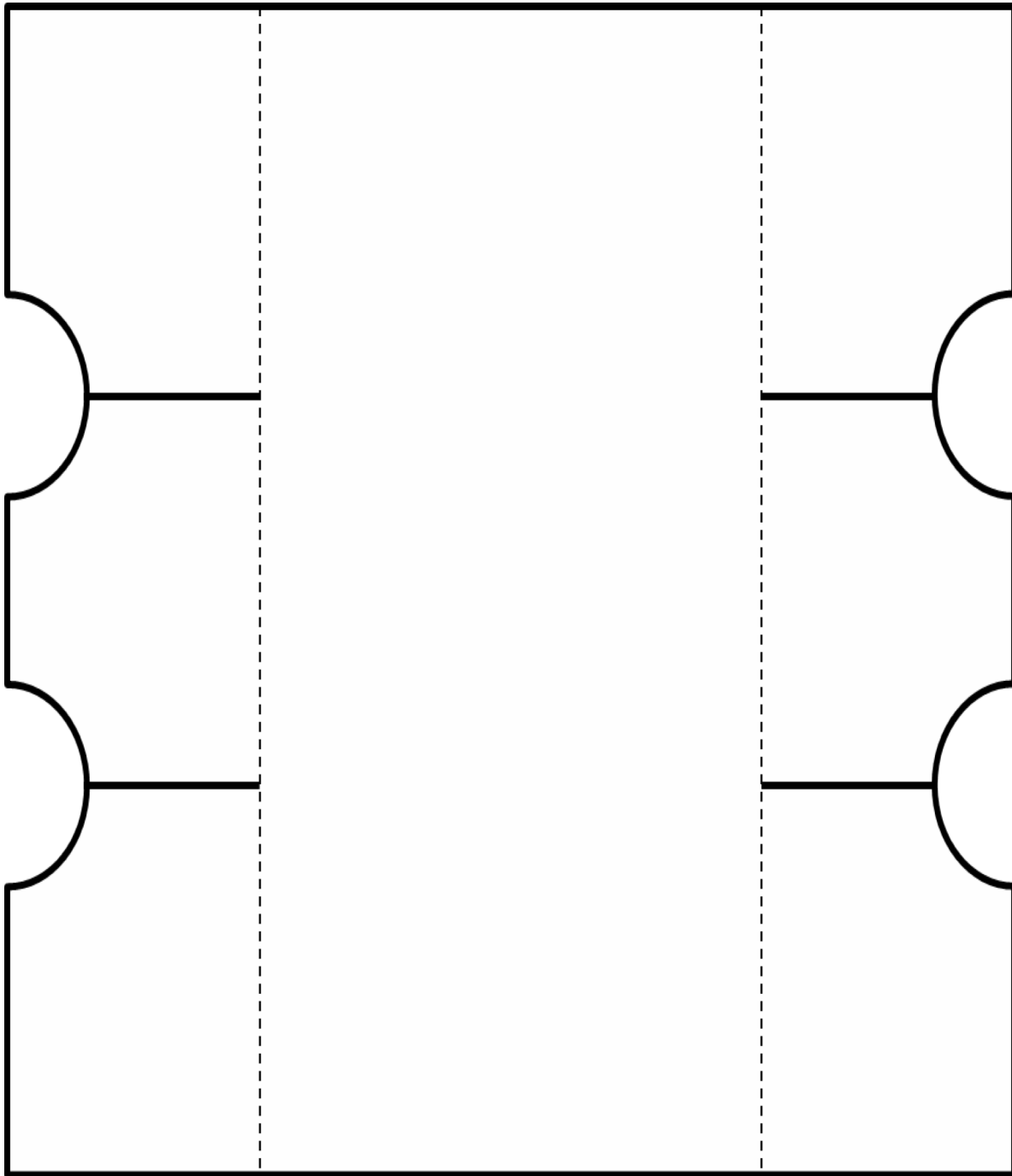
## Food

Men hunted deer and fished for food. Women dried some of the meat for winter. Women also grew corn and squash.

## Clothing

People used deer skin to make their clothing. Men wore breechcloths. Breechcloths are pieces of soft leather. Women wore leather dresses.





# Northeast Woodlands

## Housing

People used wood to make the frames of their longhouses. Then they used bark to cover the houses. Many families lived in one longhouse.

## Art

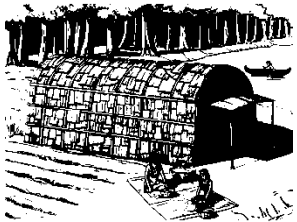
Some tribes would string together beads made out of shells. These shell beads were called wampum. People used wampum as belts or jewelry.

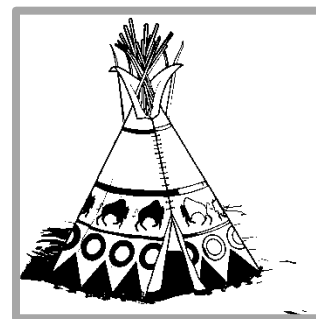
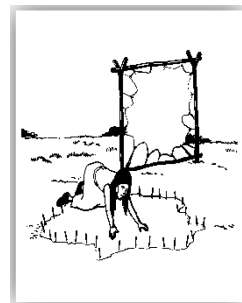
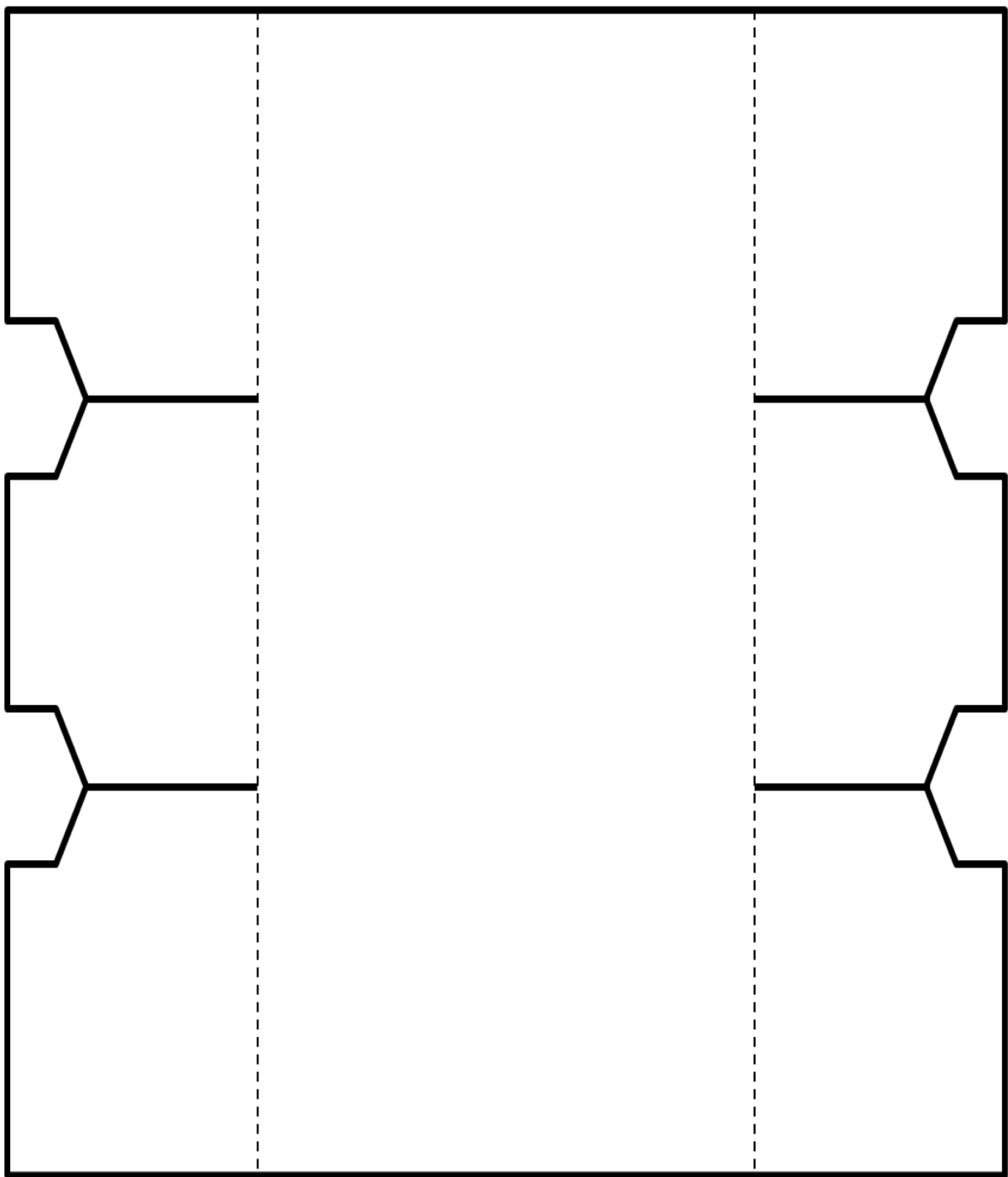
## Food

The most important crops were corn, squash, and beans. People used these crops to make soups and stews.

## Clothing

Men wore breechcloths in the summer. Women wore dresses. In the winter, they both wore leggings and robes made from animal furs. Both men and women wore shoes called moccasins. These shoes were made from deerskin.





# Plains

## Housing

People used tall wooden poles set up in a circle to make their teepees. The poles made a triangle shape. In the center of each teepee there was a fire pit that was used for light and heat.

## Food

A stew made from buffalo meat and vegetables was a favorite meal.

## Music

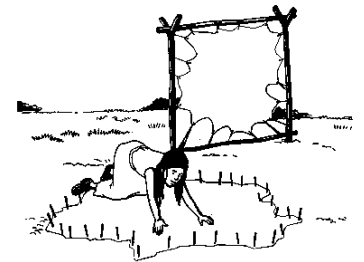
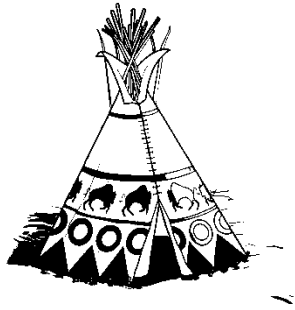
People played music on drums and other instruments. Their music told stories about each tribe.

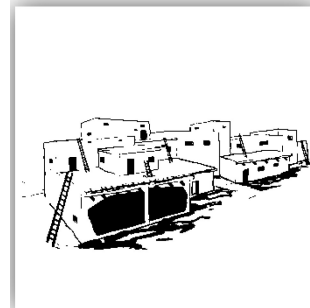
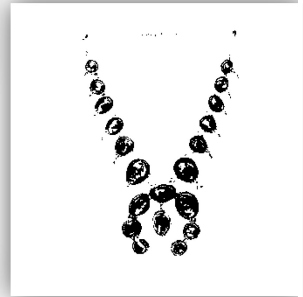
## Clothing

People made clothing and moccasins out of buffalo skins.

## Daily Chores

Women stretched and cleaned the buffalo skins. Then they left the skins in the sun to dry.





# Southwest

## Housing

People made pueblos out of adobe bricks. The bricks were made out of clay and straw. As with longhouses, many families lived in each pueblo.

## Food

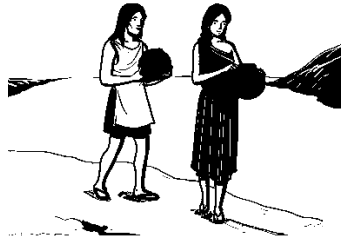
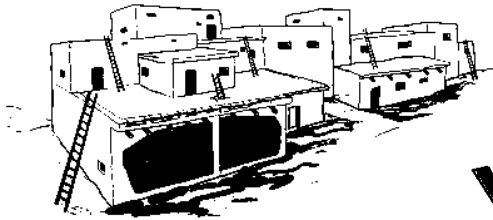
Women made stew with rabbit, deer, and antelope meat.

## Clothing

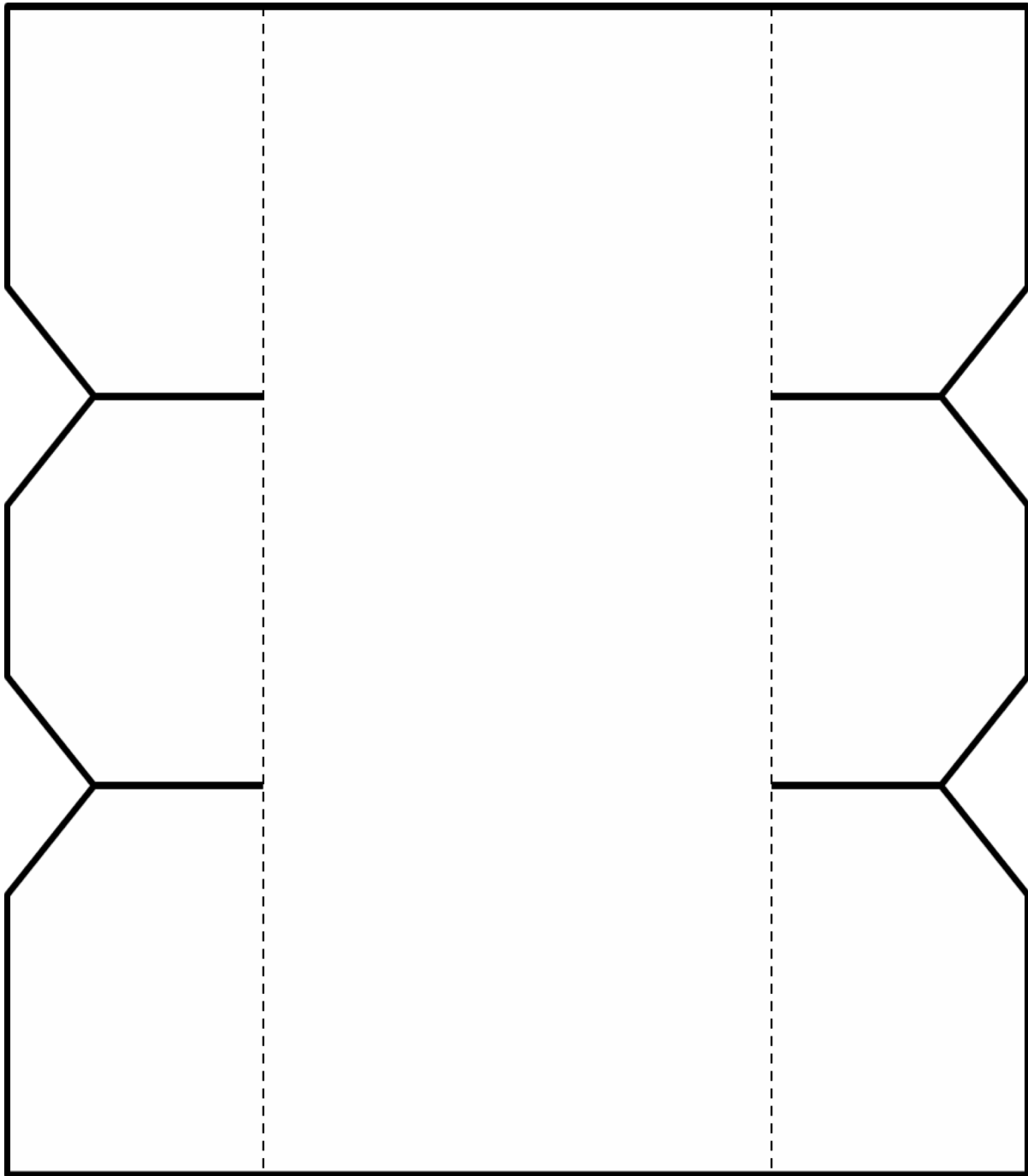
Men wore light clothing and sandals in the summer. Women wore cotton dresses. In the winter they both wore leggings and robes. Both men and women wore sandals made from yucca plants.

## Art

Some Southwest tribes were known for their fine turquoise jewelry. Turquoise is a blue stone.







# Pacific Northwest

## Housing

Most cedar plank houses were built in rows facing the ocean. Each house was home to many families.

## Food

People used nets made from cedar bark to catch salmon. They caught enough salmon in the spring to last through the winter.

## Practices and Beliefs

People sometimes enjoyed a celebration called a potlatch. They celebrated special occasions with music and dance at a potlatch.

## Art

Totem poles told stories of important family members or special events. People carved animals, birds, fish, and important places on the poles.

## Clothing

During the summer, men wore breechcloths. Women wore skirts and capes made out of woven cedar. They both wore clothes made out of animal skins in the winter. People usually went barefoot, even in the winter!

