

Native American Homes

Week 19 • Monday • Tipis, Longhouses, and Pueblos

This Week's Goals

This week you will learn:

- The different kinds of homes Native nations built
- The foods people grew, hunted, and gathered
- The clever tools they invented
- How every home fit its land and way of life perfectly

Reading Time

Native American homes were as different as the nations who built them — and every home was perfect for its place!

On the plains, families lived in **tipis** — cone-shaped tents of buffalo hide over wooden poles. Tipis could be packed up fast when it was time to follow the herds. In the eastern woodlands, the Haudenosaunee built **longhouses** — long wooden homes where many related families lived together.

In the Southwest, people built **pueblos** — apartment-style adobe buildings, some several stories tall, that stayed cool in the desert heat. Some pueblos are over 1,000 years old and people STILL live in them today!

Reading Questions

1. Why were tipis perfect for plains life?

2. Who lived together in a longhouse?

3. What makes pueblos good desert homes?

4. How old are some pueblos that people still live in?

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

tipi

longhouse

pueblo

buffalo hide

shelter

adobe

Match the Home

Write T (tipi), L (longhouse), or P (pueblo) for each clue.

Clue	T, L, or P?
Made of buffalo hide and poles	
Long wooden home for many families	
Adobe building, several stories tall	
Easy to pack up and move	
Built in the eastern woodlands	
Stays cool in the desert heat	

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ All Native nations lived in tipis.
- ☐ Tipis could be moved quickly.
- ☐ Longhouses held many related families.
- ☐ Pueblos were made of buffalo hide.
- ☐ Some pueblos are over 1,000 years old.
- ☐ Every home fit its land and way of life.

Draw Three Homes

Draw a tipi, a longhouse, and a pueblo. Label each one!

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Coming Up Next

Tomorrow: what's for dinner? We'll discover the Three Sisters garden, buffalo hunts, wild rice, and the amazing foods of Native America.