Blackfoot

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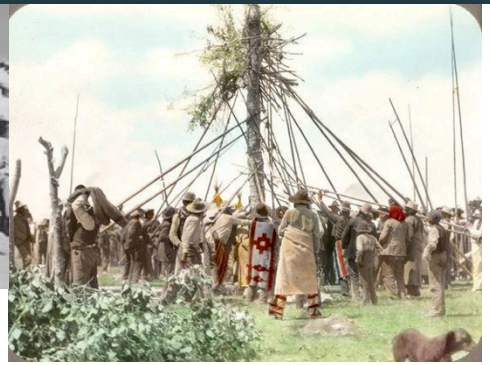
Introduction



Today we are going to be introducing you to the blackfoot tribe. The Blackfoot tribe is a group of northern great plains native americans, they also made up three sub-tribes called, the Siksika, The Kainai and The Piegan.

Why is it called the blackfoot?

The reason the blackfoot is called that is because they blackened their moccasins with ashs. Another reason is because the tribe alway wore black moccasins to not look like other tribe. But others say the blackfoot are named for their war societies.

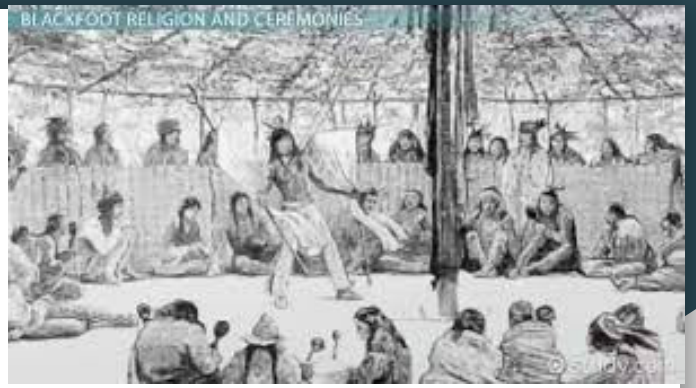
The blackfoot society

Since the blackfoot only speak algonquian (a eastern native language) some people believe that the blackfoot migrated many centuries before europeans came to america.

Like most tribes, blackfoot was mostly living in buffalo skin tipis. They didn't like anything like art, such as pottery. Instead of doing that they used buffalo skin for everything like food, clothes, shelter, and equipment.

The Blackfoot had ceremonies which are very sacred to them it is a time where all three sub tribes would all gather together the ceremony would revolve around a dance the dance was both religious and social.

Beliefs & Religion



The Blackfoot believed in a supernatural being named Napi which means old man in english the blackfoot also had a very complicated belief in supernatural powers with nature the Blackfoot believed that animals had there own supernatural powers and the animals could give their powers to a person but only in a dream. The dream would go something like this the animal would give the person a list of things/items it could be anything then the person would awake and collects the items that are on the list all of them all of those items but together would be called a medicine bundle. Medicine bundles were traded between the tribes and each medicine ball had a specific power from a certain animal,the medicine bundles were used during ceremonies. The Blackfoot also believed that rivers and lakes hold special powers because of the underwater people called suyitapas to this day the blackfoot tribe do not eat any fish or use canoes.

Leadership

In their leadership Each “band” had its own chief, it was usually a man. If a son had the same leadership qualities including bravery and generosity he could have the same success as his father. Some things chiefs could do was tell people what to do, they were responsible for keeping peace. A tribal chief was mostly know as a chairman or council of chiefs rather than a ruler.

Social *Structure*

The social organization of the Blackfeet is simple. The three tribes with a relationship with each other still considered themselves a nation. In this confederation, it was understood that there should be no war against each other. But between 1860 and 1870. About sixty or seventy years ago the Bloods and Piegan had an argument that men were killed on both sides.

Blackfoot culture

The blackfoot tribe is a group of Northern Great Plains Native American made up of three sub-tribes that speak, algonquian language.

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The blackfoot has their greatest celebration it is called the 4 day annual sun dance

Resources

Blackfoot Tribe:

History,Facts and Beliefs:
http://study.com/academy/lesson/blackfoot-tribe-history-facts-beliefs.html

http://cds.library.brown.edu/projects/MusicAtlas/Volume1/playpagevol1ch12.html

Social structure

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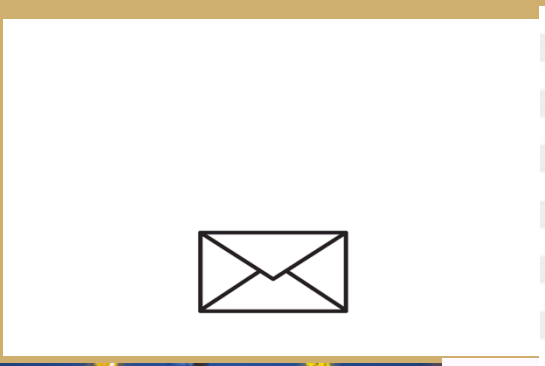
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