

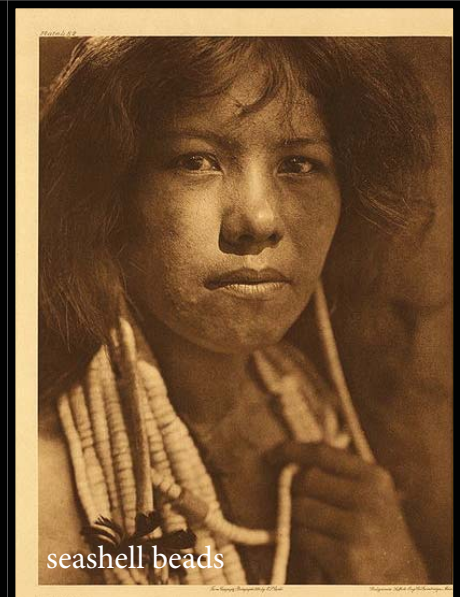
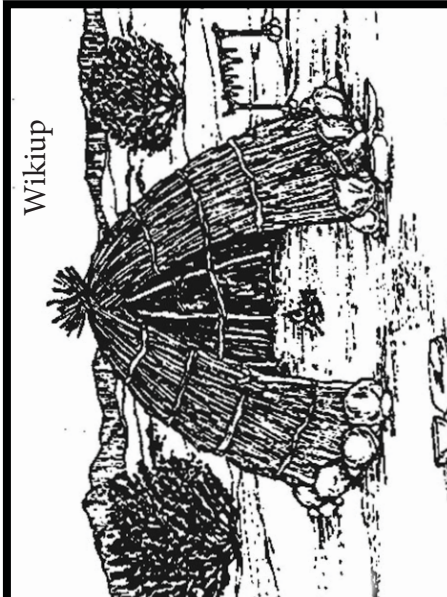
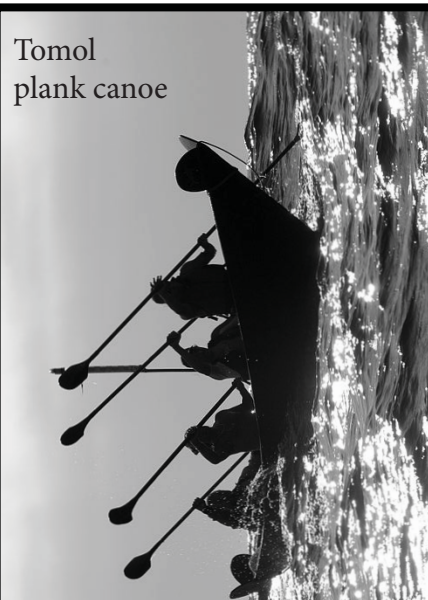
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The people were mainly hunter-gatherers, using whatever animals and plants they could.

One major food was acorns, which were ground and leached to make flour. Deer and other animals were hunted.

Baskets were important for collecting and storing food.

California was home to many different cultures. They lived in large bands who were nomadic within their territories, and had winter settlements.

The warm climate meant that few clothes were needed, other than a breachcloth, or kilt. Rabbit fur robes were worn in winter.

Many people lived in cone shaped wikiups, with stick frames covered in mats or thatch.

The coastal Chumash used unusual plank canoes, or tomols.

Seashell beads were used for jewellery, and in some areas as money.



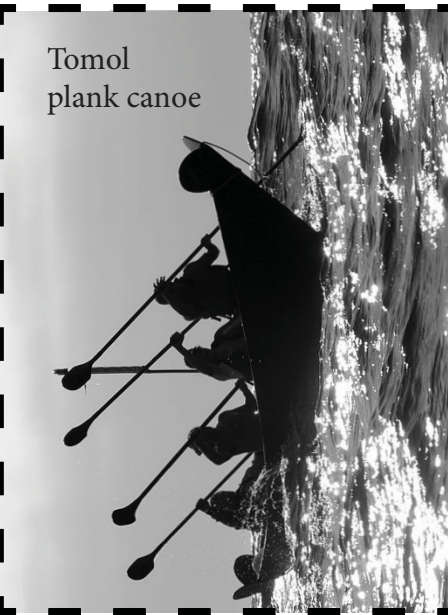
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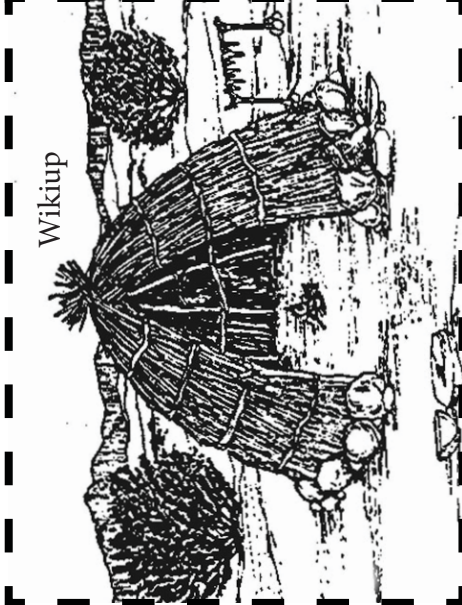
Acorns



Tomol plank canoe



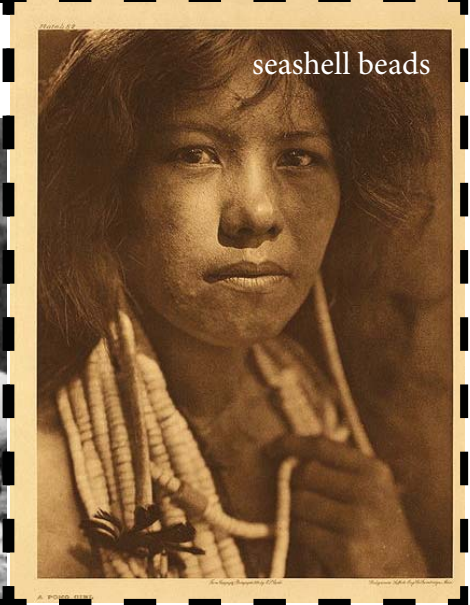
Pomo basket



Wikiup



Chumash man



seashell beads

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