

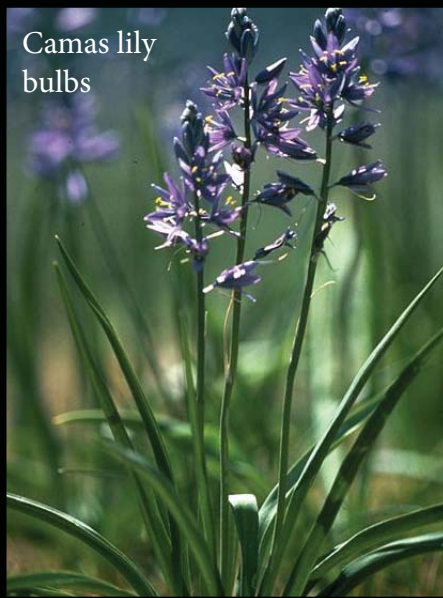
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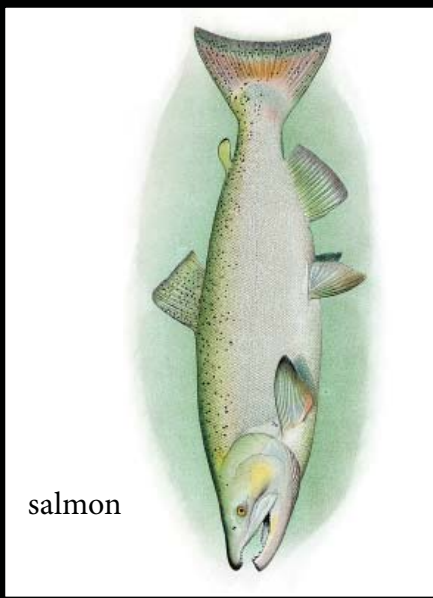
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- Nez Perce



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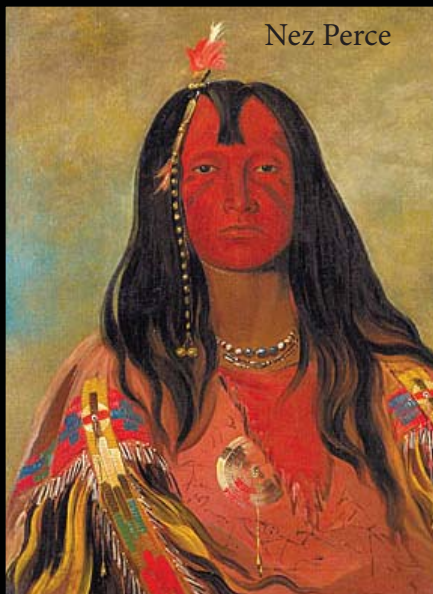
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Quiggly hole



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The people of the Plateau were semi-nomadic hunter-fisher-gatherers. They had permanent winter villages. And moved to different areas to make use of seasonally available foods. Camas lily bulbs and salmon were important foods, as were birds, deer and berries.

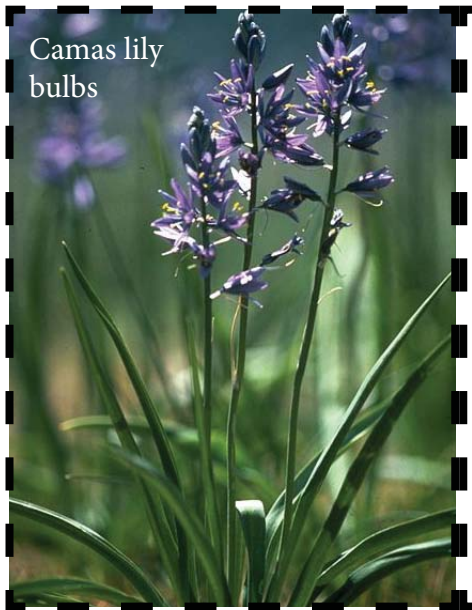
Houses included Quiggly holes - log-roofed pit houses. Others were like tipis dug into the ground and covered with tule mats. Or plankhouses.

The plateau people were great fishermen, and made creel baskets to keep the fish they caught fresh in.

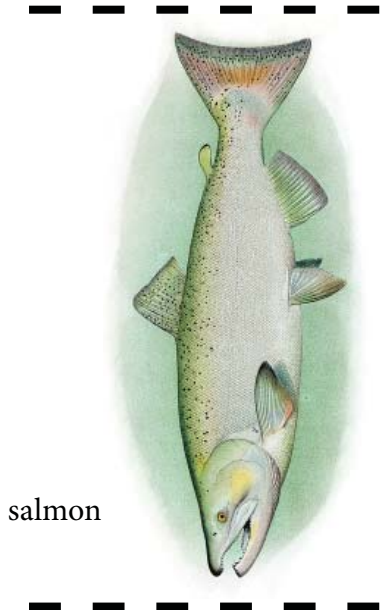
Clothes were made of buckskin. As with most native americans men usually wore a breechcloth. Leggings were added to protect legs. Women wore skirts or dresses.

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