TODAY WE ARE GOING TO LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT THE VERY FIRST SETTLERS IN NEW JERSEY – THE LENNI LENAPE. YOU PRONOUNCE LENNI LENAPE LIKE THIS .... 

Len-e Lun-nah-pay

IN TODAY’S ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LENNI LENAPE MEANS “THE ORDINARY PEOPLE.”

THE LENNI LENAPE LIVED ON LAND WE NOW KNOW AS NEW JERSEY, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND NORTHERN DELAWARE. THE LENNI LENAPE NAMED THEIR HOME-LAND “LENAPEHOKING”.

Lun-nah-pay-hawk-ing ... EASY! I CAN PRONOUNCE IT PROPERLY AND CHEW GUM AT THE SAME TIME.
THE LENNI LENAPE LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR OVER 600 YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS “DISCOVERED” AMERICA …

There were no stores or malls to buy things in. Everything they ate had to be farmed or hunted. People had to make their own clothes.

A 1746 Leni Lenape Fashion Show

- Roach with Eagle Feather
- Leather Pouch
- Breach-Cloth
- Leggings
- Beaded Moccasins
- Beaded Necklace
- Fringed Buckskin Top
- Fringed Wrap-Around Skirt
- Baby in Cradleboard carried on mother’s back
THE MEN DID THE HUNTING, FISHING, AND BUILDING ... 

MR. FOULKII, WHAT DID THE LENNI LENAPE WOMEN DO?

THE WOMEN PREPARED AND COOKED THE FOOD.

NO TAKE-OUT FOOD FOR US.

NO WAY!

THEY TOOK CARE OF THE CHILDREN.

OH ... WOULD I LIKE TO BE HUNTING OR FISHING ... WAH!
THE WOMEN ALSO MADE CLOTHES, BASKETS, AND POTTERY.

ONE POT FOUND IN NEW JERSEY WAS SO BIG THAT TWO WHOLE DEER COULD HAVE BEEN COOKED IN IT AT THE SAME TIME.

THE LENAPE LIVED IN WIGWAMS OR LONGHOUSES MADE FROM TREE BARK. THE LENNI LENAPE MEN WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING THEIR PLACES TO LIVE.

WIGWAMS WERE ROUND, HAD NO WINDOWS, AND WERE SMALL. LONGHOUSES WERE MUCH BIGGER (SOMETIMES AS LONG AS 60 FT. AND AS WIDE AS 20 FT.). THESE LONGHOUSES WERE MORE RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE AND ALSO HAD NO WINDOWS.

BUILDING A WIGWAM OR LONGHOUSE WAS VERY HARD WORK – THERE WERE NO NAILS OR HAMMERS. BARK SHINGLES WERE TIED WITH THIN FLEXIBLE STRIPS OF WOOD TO THE THICK WOODEN FRAME. A SMALL HOLE WOULD BE MADE IN THE ROOF TO PROVIDE AN EXIT FOR SMOKE FROM THE FIRES BUILT FOR COOKING AND WARMTH DURING THE WINTER.
SOME OF YOU OUT THERE MAY LIVE IN TOWNS WITH LENAPE NAMES.

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THIS IS A PICTURE OF LENNI LENAPE CHIEF TISHCOHAN. HE WAS CHIEF IN THE MID-1700’S. THE LENAPE WERE TALL PEOPLE WITH DARK BROWN EYES AND HAIR. THE CHIEF IS WEARING A TOBACCO POUCH AROUND HIS NECK AND HAS HIS PIPE TUCKED INSIDE THE POUCH. TOBACCO WAS ONE OF THE CROPS FAR MED BY THE LENAPE. THAT’S WHY THE NAME HOBOKEN MEANS “TOBACCO PIPE.”
CHIEF TISHCOHAN’S LIFE WAS NOT A HAPPY ONE BECAUSE HE WAS FORCED TO MOVE HIS PEOPLE OUT OF NEW JERSEY. THE EUROPEAN SETTLERS TOOK LARGE SECTIONS OF LAND FOR THEMSELVES AND DID NOT WANT THE LENNI LENAPE TO KEEP THEIR OWN LIFESTYLES AND CULTURE, SO THE LENAPE MOVED WEST AND SETTLED ALONG THE OHIO RIVER.

TODAY, VERY LITTLE REMAINS OF THE LENNI LENAPE CULTURE IN NEW JERSEY. VERY FEW PEOPLE KNOW THE LANGUAGE SINCE IT IS NO LONGER USED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LENNI LENAPE: YOU CAN WRITE TO THE LENNI LENAPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RD2 FISH HATCHERY RD. ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18103 OR E-MAIL THE LENNI LENAPE WEBSITE: http://www.lenape.org or http://www.delawaretribeofindians.nsn.us/

NEXT LESSON: EXPLORERS OF NEW JERSEY