



Native American Tribes: Shoshone



Chief Washakie, a leader of the Eastern Shoshone

The Shoshone tribe of Native Americans lived in the western states of Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana. They are divided into three main groups: the Eastern Shoshone, the Northern Shoshone and the Western Shoshone. Some Shoshone members moved south to New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma and became the Comanche tribe. Today there are about 12,000 Shoshone tribe members.

The Shoshone were primarily hunters who followed the buffalo herds. They lived in homes made of hide, called tipis, which could be easily moved from place to place.

One of the most famous Shoshone was Sacagawea, a Northern Shoshone woman. She traveled with the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804 through 1806.



A statue honoring the Lewis and Clark Expedition showing Sacagawea.

What are the three main groups of the Shoshone?

Eastern, Northern and Western

What is the name for the home that the Shoshone lived in?

tipi

How many members of the Shoshone tribe are there today?

about 12,000

What states did the Shoshone live in?

Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana

What expedition did Sacagawea travel with?

Lewis and Clark Expedition

Secret Code Word

Use the secret code to find a word about the Shoshone. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

B	U	F	F	A	L	O
2	21	6	6	1	12	15

Secret code

1 = A	5 = E	9 = I	13 = M	17 = Q	21 = U	25 = Y
2 = B	6 = F	10 = J	14 = N	18 = R	22 = V	26 = Z
3 = C	7 = G	11 = K	15 = O	19 = S	23 = W	
4 = D	8 = H	12 = L	16 = P	20 = T	24 = X	



Shoshone tipis