

Coastal Plain cultures graphic organizer

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As students read the article “Peoples of the Coastal Plain,” this graphic organizer will help them develop an understanding of the cultures that existed in North Carolina’s Coastal Plain hundreds of years ago.

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Culture (including burial practices		

Coastal Plain cultures (teacher guide)

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Time period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 800 CE to 1650 CE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 800 CE to 1750 CE
Shelter/Settlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief's village was fairly large — other villages in the chiefdom nearby Capital villages, common villages, seasonal villages Some were stockaded and some weren't 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Villages — some stockaded, some not Villages, farmsteads, hunting camps
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Hunting and fishing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shellfish, turtles, alligators Gathering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuts and berries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corn and beans Hunting and gathering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hickory nuts, deer, bear, raccoon, possum, rabbit, fish, turtle and terrapin, mussel, and turkey
Containers/Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pottery made with crushed shells and decorated with fabric impressions Arrow points, blades, tools for woodworking, and milling stones Bone and shell made into hoes, picks, ladles, fish hooks, sewing awls, and punches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same tools as Colington
Culture (including burial practices)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algonkian language speakers Pipes for smoking Bone, shell, pearl, copper jewelry Panther mask for ceremonies Chiefs — ruled democratically, controlled larger areas than one village Priests — formal religion Burial in ossuaries — common burials Mortuary temples A few burial offerings in some burials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iroquoian language speakers Same jewelry as Colington Ossuaries were for families Each tribe controlled its own politics, there were no chiefdoms

North Carolina Curriculum Alignment

SOCIAL STUDIES (2003)

Grade 8

- **Goal 1:** The learner will analyze important geographic, political, economic, and social aspects of life in the region prior to the Revolutionary Period.
 - **Objective 1.02:** Identify and describe American Indians who inhabited the regions that became Carolina and assess their impact on the colony.

On the web

Peoples of the Coastal Plain

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-twoworlds/2.6>

When Europeans arrived in the late 1500s, North Carolina's northern Coastal Plain was home to two different cultures. Speakers of Algonkian languages lived closest to the Atlantic edge, in the Outer Coastal Plain or Tidewater. Iroquoian speakers lived more inland, on the Inner Coastal Plain. Based on the distinctive items each group left, archaeologists call the Algonkian speakers Colington and the Iroquoian speakers Cashie.

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