

They had playgrounds for children.

In winter - season of short days & mild storms - they engaged in ritual & ceremony, visiting other areas & families & feasting on foods they had dried & preserved in summer.

Lifeline house: a fire in center always burning, to prepare food & for warmth. focus for ceremony.

Sleeping compartments assigned by rank.
(1801 description) serves as kitchen, P.R., & B.R. Storehouse, workshop & storage for canoe.

People sleep pell-mell all over floor - weapons & food stored in chests on walls, hung darts - knives, nets, fishhooks, poles & lines for fishing. The houses are painted & decorated in various ways & some have interior carved uprights. Some have plank floors. note: chests in museums in Alaska were elaborate & had curved, not straight tops. □.

Contact with whites -

Earliest 1487 - evidenced already had contact. (George Dixon in ship Queen Charlotte) brought things to barter - showed no fear.

Later, stealing from ships led to the trader seizing chief. - held hostage until stolen clothes returned. Capt. Kendrick - tied rope round neck, painted face, cut off hair - took man's gun, when released he was a disgrace to tribes & became one of lower class.

When Kendrick returned to trade Indians attacked but were defeated. To avenge attack the humiliated chiefs led raiding parties on passing ships. In 1794, a ship putting into residents had all aboard killed - Capt of ship kept as slave.

In years that followed - more friendly relations
bet white & Indian prevailed. Indian became
more dependant on white goods & shown
opening & lumbering industries.

The worst enemy to its exists & resulted
largely in abandonment of village - smallpox -
1872-51 by 1875 only a camp.

Houses & monuments fell into ruin -
sculpture were burned.

Last Chief. Samprick h. 1860 -

Art forms -

Houses -

2 types - 1st - (most prevalent)

2 parallel round beams sit on pair of uprights. framework
of light rafters, self, corner posts & gables then covered
with planks.

little integr. bet. massive frame & light covering.