

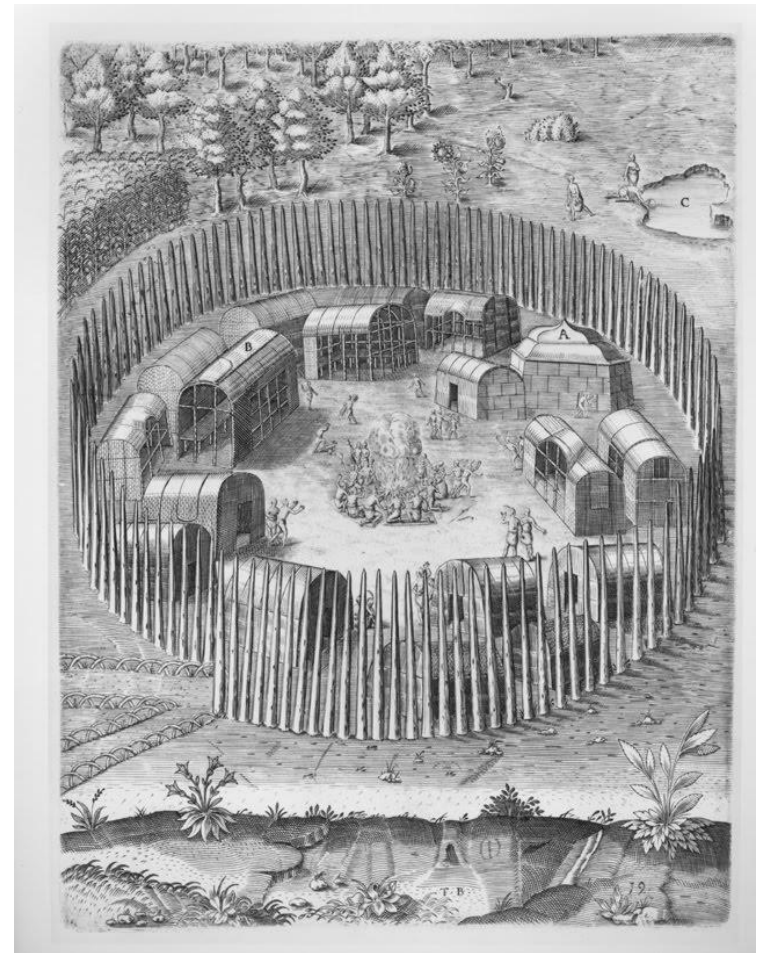
Eastern Woodland Tribes

- Many Eastern Woodland tribes in SC
- Each had
 - Specific lifestyles
 - Different languages
- All preserved their history through oral storytelling
- Three most important tribes
 - Cherokee (mountains)
 - Catawba (Piedmont)
 - Yemassee (along the coast)



The Cherokee

- “the real people”
- Lived in the foothills and mountains
- Very powerful
- Lived in villages surrounded by a palisade for protection



- Leaders (including women) met as a council to make rules for the nation
 - White Leader times of peace
 - Red Leader in times of war
- Each village had a holy man or woman

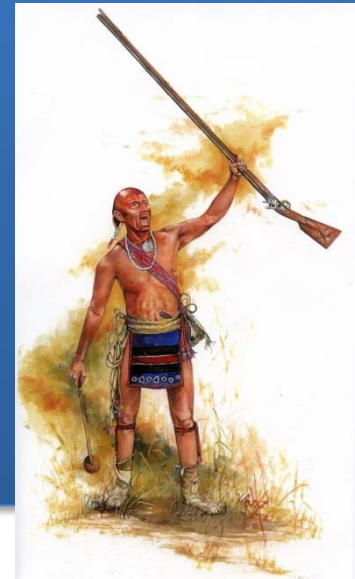
The Catawba

- “the river people”
- Lived along the rivers of the Piedmont region surrounded by a palisade
- Had council houses in their villages where leaders made rules for the people
- Were great potters



The Yemassee

- Originally from Spanish Florida (present day Georgia)
- Moved to the coast of SC near the Savannah River to escape the Spanish governor





- During the summer the people lived on the beach
- During other seasons they lived farther inland in wattle and daub homes
- Council sometimes included women
- Fled back to Florida after the Yemassee War with the settlers

Arrival of Europeans

- Europeans traded furs and deerskins for iron tools, weapons and guns with Eastern Woodland people
- As more and more settlers came the native peoples were treated badly
 - Took their land
 - Cheated them in trade
 - Forced some of the natives into slavery
- Led to hostilities between the settlers and the Eastern Woodlands people