

## **Archaic hunters, fishers, and gatherers:**

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As the North American climate became warmer, many of the Paleo Indians that had been living there left for colder climates (that's what they had become used to). However, some of the Paleo stayed and adjusted to the warmer climate.

Over the years, other people came into the area and brought with them their tools and methods of using them. By this time the archaic era had begun. Many Archaic sites have been found by major rivers such as the Delaware, Pequest, and Musconetcong.

The Archaic Indians also lived in places such as Great Meadows, where multiple swamps and springs guaranteed excellent plant and animal resources. Thousands of spear points have been found in places such as these. The Archaic Indians Hunted and ate practically everything that moved, possibly even insects!!! They also gathered vegetation for food.

Some tools and utensils of the Archaic Indians were: stone axes and hatchets, wooden bowls and ladles, and hammer stones and pestles for cracking and grinding nuts.