

In what ways did the culture of the Pueblos differ from that of the Algonquians? How might these differences be explained?

The Pueblos were farmers, growing crops instead of hunting or gathering. In contrast, the Algonquians supplemented their farming, which was mainly done by the women, with hunting and gathering. The Pueblos houses were built out of mud, while the Algonquians built their houses from wood. This makes sense, as these were the natural materials available. One thing that they both shared in common was a reverence for the crops, which formed the basis of both their religions. This was probably because food was a big part of their lifestyle.

Would you rather have immigrated to America as a Celt, a Viking or as a Native American? Why?

I think I would have to choose the Native Americans, at least if I could be in one of the more peaceful tribes. Both the Celts and the Norse were warriors, kept slaves and were generally not nice to know. While many of the Native American tribes kept slaves, I think that, knowing what I've read, I would have liked to be an Algonquian more. Also, I wouldn't be encountering hostile natives, I'd be one of them!

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