


Wigwams and Longhouses

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wigwam
sheltered
sapling
slab
overlapping
compartment
platform
aisle
framework
hearth

1. A two syllable word that names a kind of Woodland Indian home is a _____ .
2. A compound word that means a raised wood floor would be a _____ .
3. A word that has the same beginning sounds as the word heart is _____ .
4. Another name for a young tree is _____ .
5. A thick piece or chunk of something is a _____ .
6. A space partitioned off from the rest of a building is called a _____ .



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The Woodland Indians had two different kinds of homes. The kind of home they lived in depended on the location of their tribe and the kinds of trees available for building homes.

One kind of Woodland Indian home was the wigwam. Wigwams were dome or cone-shaped homes. The framework for the wigwam was made of young green saplings stuck into the ground. These sapling poles were bent inward and tied together at the top. This framework was covered with overlapping sheets of birch bark or woven cattail mats. An animal hide was often hung over the doorway as protection from the cold weather in the winter. In the summer, the cattail mats could be rolled up to let in light and cool air. Inside the wigwams had hard packed dirt floors and raised wooden platforms built for sleeping.

Not all Woodland Indians lived in wigwams. Some lived in long rectangular homes called longhouses. The Indians who lived in longhouses lived in areas where there were