

Florida Peoples Compared

Compare how Native American groups adapted to different parts of Florida.

SS.4.A.2.1 "Compare Native American tribes in Florida."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read, underline one fact shared by two groups and circle two facts that show differences among the groups, so you can compare how they lived.

Three Florida Native Groups

- ① Long before Europeans arrived, Native peoples lived in different parts of Florida. The Timucua lived mainly in northern and central Florida, often near rivers and forests. They built villages with round homes covered in palm leaves or thatch. Timucua people farmed corn, beans, and squash. They also hunted deer, fished, and gathered wild plants for food.
- ② Farther west, in the Florida Panhandle, the Apalachee lived in rich farmland. Like the Timucua, they grew corn, beans, and squash. Apalachee villages had large public buildings where leaders held ceremonies and meetings. Their farmers produced enough food to support many people. Unlike the Timucua villages described above, Apalachee communities were known for their large ceremonial centers.
- ③ On Florida's southwest coast, the Calusa depended strongly on the sea. Instead of growing major crops, they caught fish and shellfish and hunted sea animals. Calusa builders made homes on the coast and used shells to create large mounds. Their powerful leaders collected goods from other communities. All three groups used Florida's natural resources, but their locations helped shape different ways of living.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How were the Timucua and the Apalachee alike in the foods they grew?

2 How did the Calusa get food differently from the Timucua and Apalachee?

3 Compare the locations of the Apalachee and the Calusa. How did each location connect to a way of getting food?

4 What village feature is described for the Timucua, and what different community feature is described for the Apalachee?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write three sentences comparing the Apalachee and the Calusa. Include one way they were alike and two ways they were different.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

As you read, underline one fact shared by two groups and circle two facts that show differences among the groups, so you can compare how they lived. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How were the Timucua and the Apalachee alike in the foods they grew?	Both grew corn, beans, and squash.
2	How did the Calusa get food differently from the Timucua and Apalachee?	The Calusa caught fish and shellfish and hunted sea animals instead of growing major crops. The Timucua and Apalachee grew crops.
3	Compare the locations of the Apalachee and the Calusa. How did each location connect to a way of getting food?	The Apalachee lived in Panhandle farmland and grew crops. The Calusa lived on the southwest coast and depended on food from the sea.
4	What village feature is described for the Timucua, and what different community feature is described for the Apalachee?	Timucua villages had round homes covered with palm leaves or thatch. Apalachee communities had large public buildings and ceremonial centers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both the Apalachee and the Calusa used Florida's natural resources for food. The Apalachee grew crops on rich farmland, while the Calusa caught fish and shellfish near the coast. Apalachee villages had large public buildings for ceremonies, but Calusa builders used shells to create large mounds.

Accept comparisons that accurately use details from the passage. For the open response, accept any one stated similarity and two accurate differences between the Apalachee and Calusa.