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Longhouses

Many Native Americans use or used longhouses. The northeastern Iroquois are one of the most famous. In fact, their name for themselves—Haudenosaunee (HO-den-uh-SHO-nee)—means “People of the Longhouse”!

Iroquois longhouses were made from trees and bark. They had

(91 meters) long. The Squamish are a northwestern people. They have a kind of longhouse too. Their biggest was 500 feet (152 meters)!

Many closely related families lived



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A drawing that shows life around an Iroquois longhouse.

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1. Why are longhouses “well named”? Use a specific detail as support.

2. What were longhouses first made out of?



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4. Ceremonies are a type of what?

- a. special event
- b. large sleepover
- c. careful storage

5. Why are curved roofs useful in the northeast? (Hint: think of winter!)

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Answers may vary. An example is: Curved roofs are useful in the northeast since they help keep snow from piling too high.