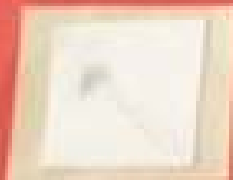


Coast Salish

WARFARE



Elbow Arrow

Traditional Salish arrow



Tools used in village



Village in ruins after war

Warfare

Coast Salish warfare was a form of ritualized combat. It was not a war of extermination, but a war of prestige. The goal was to capture slaves, who were then sold to other tribes. Slaves were also used for labor and as a source of food. Warfare was also a way to settle disputes and gain territory. The Coast Salish used bows and arrows, spears, and clubs. They also used shields and armor. Warfare was often conducted in the winter months, when the weather was harsh and the food supply was low. This was a time when the tribes were looking for new sources of food and territory. Warfare was also a way to show off a tribe's strength and courage. It was a way to gain respect and status. Warfare was an important part of Coast Salish life. It was a way to survive and thrive in a harsh environment. Warfare was also a way to build a strong and united community. It was a way to defend their homes and their way of life. Warfare was a necessary part of Coast Salish life. It was a way to ensure their survival and prosperity.

Before Contact

Before contact with other peoples, the Coast Salish lived in small, scattered groups. They were hunters and gatherers. They lived in simple houses made of brush and sticks. They wore simple clothing made of animal skins. They had simple tools and weapons. They lived in a harsh environment. They had to hunt and gather for their food. They had to defend their homes and their way of life. Warfare was an important part of their life. It was a way to survive and thrive in a harsh environment. Warfare was also a way to build a strong and united community. It was a way to defend their homes and their way of life. Warfare was a necessary part of Coast Salish life. It was a way to ensure their survival and prosperity.



A ship sailing at daybreak to raid a village

After Contact

After contact with other peoples, the Coast Salish changed. They adopted new technologies and ideas. They learned to use guns and powder. They learned to use metal tools and weapons. They learned to live in larger, more permanent settlements. They learned to trade with other peoples. Warfare was still an important part of their life, but it was different. It was now a war of conquest. The goal was to capture territory and resources. Warfare was also a way to show off a tribe's strength and courage. It was a way to gain respect and status. Warfare was an important part of Coast Salish life. It was a way to survive and thrive in a harsh environment. Warfare was also a way to build a strong and united community. It was a way to defend their homes and their way of life. Warfare was a necessary part of Coast Salish life. It was a way to ensure their survival and prosperity.

Weapons and Armor

