

Factual Statements About the Woodland Period in Pennsylvania Answer Key

EW- Early Woodland; MW- Middle Woodland LW – Late Woodland

Animals hunted were deer, bear, wild turkey and many small mammals such as squirrels, raccoon and groundhog. [EW]

Meat was boiled or roasted. [EW]

Meat was dried to preserve it for lean times. [EW]

Wild plants were collected and eaten. [EW]

The people moved frequently, setting up temporary camps where they lived while they hunted and gathered in the surrounding land. [EW]

During this period crop cultivation and farming began. [EW]

Crudely made ceramic vessels with thick walls were used for storing and cooking food. These vessels were heavy and easily broken. [EW]

These people moved around less than the people in the archaeological period preceding them- the Archaic Period. [EW]

The dead were buried in large mounds of earth built specifically for that purpose. [EW]

The people archaeologists call Adena lived during this time. [EW]

Archaeologists believe that the Adena practiced a religion based on ancestor worship. [EW]

People during this period were mostly hunters and gatherers too. [MW]

Ceramic vessels became better made with harder, thinner walls. [MW]

Burial mounds continued to be built, and were even larger than the Adena mounds. [MW]

The successors of the Adena are called Hopewell by the archaeologists. [MW]

The Hopewell placed elaborate and valuable grave goods with their dead. [MW]

The Hopewell traded and traveled over long distances to acquire the materials they needed to manufacture their elaborate grave goods. [MW]

At the end of this period, the Hopewell culture declined and people returned to a simpler way of life. [MW]

Native Americans began to grow crops of corn, beans and squash. With these new crops, people were able to grow more food. [LW]

Populations began to grow and groups began to live in one place for long periods of time. [LW]

Larger villages developed along rivers, on land favorable for farming. [LW]

With the bow and arrow, the people who lived during this time became more efficient hunters than their ancestors. [LW]

Oval houses, keyhole structures, longhouses and stockades were built. [LW]

After the Europeans came, Native American culture began to decline. [LW]