

Living with Nature

You just read about some of the natural resources that the Cherokee used for food, housing, making tools, and transportation. Use the information you just read to answer the questions below.

1. List the 4 trees that the Cherokees used in their culture. What did each of the trees provide?

(Poplar, Hickory, White Oak, Chestnut, Peach, Apple, Pear, Cherry, Quince, and Plum)

2. The reading listed several types of animals that the Cherokee would hunt or trap for food. Think about the chore of catching the animals and preparing them to cook or use for other things. The Indians would try not waste any part of their natural resources.

List 3 of those animals here. Next, think about each animal and all its parts. Write out all the uses of those animals for daily life. (For example, what could they use the fur for?)

(Fur: clothing, blanket, boots/shoes; Bones: needles, tools/utensils, jewelry; Meat: food; Horns/Antlers: tools; Hide: clothing; Feathers: jewelry, costumes)

3. Two hundred years ago, the Cherokee could not shop at a store for dishes, clothing, food, shelter, and containers. List 3 examples of what they could have used to make these items. Do not repeat items that you already listed above.

(Dishes: clay; Clothing: hide, fur; Food: flowers, roots, berries, grains, rodents, birds, big game; Shelter: wood, leaves, branches, grasses; Containers: wood, woven grasses, clay)
