Native Americans Part 9

California and Northwest Coast Native Americans

Directions: Use the websites about the California Native Americans found on Mr. Runkle’s webpage to answer the following questions.

Name some of the tribes that lived in the California cultural region.

Why did the ancient people of this area split into hundreds of smaller groups?

Describe some of the environments that the Native Americans of this region lived in.

Describe the types of food they ate.

What were their homes like?

What is a “Shaman”?

Who would take care of the children and why?

What were these Native Americans known for making?

Directions: Use the websites about the Northwest Coast Native Americans found on Mr. Runkle’s webpage to answer the following questions.

What provided the people of this region what they needed to survive?

What were some foods they ate? How plentiful was food?

What were totem poles and what was their purposes?

Describe their shelters.

What was one skill that these Native Americans had and give some examples of this.

What was different in the social organization of the Northwest Coast Native Americans compared to other hunter-gatherer cultures?