

## Social Organization of the Iroquois

### Role of Women

- Watched and raised children
- Worked fields and planted crops
- Gathered plants and berries
- Owned property, NOT land
- Clan mother - oldest woman of longhouse. Chose chiefs, led ceremonies



### Role of Men

- Did heavy work like clear fields
- Hunted deer, bear
- Fished trout, bass and salmon

### Role of Family

- Extended family (members of same clan linked through mother) lived together - basic social unit
- Two nuclear families shared fire pit
- Arranged marriages
- Elders helped raise children
- Clan = several longhouses - larger family unit

### Food

- "Three sisters" = corn, beans, squash
- Deer meat, bear meat, porcupine, muskrat, beaver
- Turkey, geese, duck
- Fish

Tools / Weapons / Clothing

- Bows, arrows, spears made from deer bones and antlers
- Thread and string - sinew and guts
- Rattles - deer hooves
- Decoration - porcupine quills, feathers
- Kilt, leggings, skirts - deer hide
- Blankets - bear hide
- Moccasins - deer hide, bear hide

