Christopher Columbus called people he found in the lands he explored “Indians” because he thought he was in the Indies. (near China)

Artifacts these are the things that tell the history about the people who lived in Virginia such as arrowheads, pottery and tools

Algonquian language primarily spoken in the Tidewater Region, the Powhatan were part of this group

Siouan language primarily spoken in the Piedmont Region, the Monacan were part of this group
**Iroquoian language**

- The Iroquoian language was spoken in Southwestern Virginia and Southern Virginia near what is today North Carolina, the Cherokee were part of this group.

**Virginia’s Climate**

- A mild climate with distinct seasons, spring, summer, fall, and winter.
- There is a wide variety of vegetation (plants)
- What Indians ate, what they wore, and the shelters they had depended on the seasons.

**Eastern Woodland Indians**

- What Virginia’s Indians are referred to as, because of the forests which cover most of the land.

**Food**

- (changed with the seasons)
- **Winter**: hunted birds, lived on stored foods from the previous fall
- **Spring**: hunted, fished, picked berries
- **Summer**: grew crops (beans, corn, squash)
- **Fall**: harvested crops and hunted for foods to preserve and keep for the winter
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**Piedmont:** Monacan Tribe |