

**NATIVE PEOPLES circa 1630**

The distribution of native groups in Canada before and after European contact is characterized by movement. Almost all groups, with the exception of the Inoupan agriculturalists, undertook short or long distance seasonal movements in search of additional resources. Some are known to have engaged in major migration movements during the winter and later centuries. For these reasons, as well as inadequate and ambiguous information, it is difficult to construct entirely satisfactory maps of native distributions until the reservation period.

**CANADA - NATIVE PEOPLES 1630** represents a temporal cross-section of Canada's Native Peoples early in the seventeenth century. The period was chosen for three reasons. First, it represents a relatively stable period prior to the great eastern population disruptions precipitated by the fur trade, intertribal war and epidemic European diseases. Second, it represents a period during which a great deal of distributional information had been compiled in documents and maps. Third, it is a period for which some archaeological information is available for most of the country.

**ETHNOHISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

The ethnohistorical societies are groups which were known by name and location to Europeans early in the seventeenth century, or groups that became known somewhat later but are thought to have been in the locations indicated on the map during this period.

**Eastern Woodlands Early Contact**  
The location of the eastern ethnohistorical societies was determined primarily through seventeenth century written accounts and maps. Many locations are corroborated by archaeological information. Of these, the most certain locations are for the Inoupan tribes.

The Eastern Woodlands are shown in their summer coastal locales. Of these, the non-agricultural groups to the north of the St. Lawrence River dispersed into the interior for winter hunting. While the agricultural groups situated near the English settlements to the south were less subject to seasonal migration, they were being gradually displaced by European settlers.

It is probable that all the Eastern Woodlands groups had suffered serious population declines through epidemic diseases early in the seventeenth century. Ethnohistorical data for the Central Algonquians is most complete for the Ottawa and Algonquian. There were probably more Montagnais-Naskapi and Cree bands beyond the area known to Europeans at that time. The locations of groups in the lower Michigan peninsula and adjacent parts of Illinois lack archaeological confirmation. As with the Eastern Woodlands, the Central groups are mapped at their spring to autumn fishing locations along major interior lake systems and at the mouths of large rivers.

Location information for the Siouan groups is incomplete except for the Winnebago. At least one of the Dakota subgroups was in the Milk Lake area of Minnesota, while the Assiniboin, who are linguistically related to the Dakota, were reported west of the Lake of the Woods area by the 1600's.

The Beothuk inhabiting all of Newfoundland at this time. From summer fishing locations along the bays and peninsulas of the north shore, they dispersed to the interior for winter caribou hunting. Linguistically related to Algonquian.

Major linguistic families are coded by colour, e.g., Algonquian, and subdivided into recognized groups of historically related peoples, e.g., Ottawa. Within each of these groups the major bands and tribes are given by their modern name, e.g., Neqouit. At least one common contemporary name, when known, is given in square brackets, e.g., [Chevaux Relevés]. These may not necessarily be the names by which these groups referred to themselves. Known subdivisions of groups which have not been mapped, or the locations of which are not known, are given in round brackets, e.g., (Ouachaskoouik). An asterisk and letter symbol after the names indicates that the group may belong to a neighbouring group of people, e.g., OJ\*.

Where possible, spelling of names follows those adopted by the Smithsonian Institution (Triggs 1978; Helm 1981). Other names are those commonly found in 17th century maps and documents.

**EASTERN WOODLANDS - EARLY CONTACT**

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| <b>I. IROQUOIAN LINGUISTIC FAMILY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 | <b>Subsistence Patterns</b> | <b>Cr. Cree - Gens de Terres Cries</b>                                                                                                             | <b>Subsistence Patterns</b>                                                                              |
| H Huron [Quenda]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | A 1 hd gv                                                                                       | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  | 1 Atimbeugouk<br>2 Anabourouik<br>3 Anabourouik<br>4 Anabourouik<br>5 Anabourouik<br>6 Anabourouik                                                 | F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv                                     |
| P Petun [Khoronstakonon]<br>(Ojibwa, Deer)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | A 1 hd gv                                                                                       | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  | 7 Oujagououich<br>8 Grands Massarins (M)*<br>9 Grands Massarins (M)*<br>10 Atikamek (M)*<br>11 Niskouichouich (M)*<br>12 Oujagououich (Shaggamies) | F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv                                     |
| N Neutral [Houandaronk]<br>(Algonquian, Eriemasonon, Onquatashonon,<br>Ocherkouehonon, Akrakouehonon; and others)                                                                                                                                                     | A 1 hd f gv                                                                                     | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  | 13 Esouron<br>14 Neskapi<br>15 Oujagououich<br>16 Oujagououich<br>17 Ashibi (A)*<br>18 (Choucouich) [Pissouagamy]                                  | F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv                                     |
| We Wann [Wanohonon] (N)*<br>(Iroquoian; Gontagahonon)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | A 1 hd f gv                                                                                     | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  | Gens de Terres                                                                                                                                     | F Hmc gv                                                                                                 |
| S Seneca [Santonononon]<br>Cy Cayuga [Ouionononon]<br>Oo Onondaga [Ontonononon]<br>On Onondaga [Ontonononon]<br>Mh Mohawk [Amehononon]<br>Su Susquehannock [Andastehonon]                                                                                             | A 1 hd f gv<br>A 1 hd f gv<br>A 1 hd f gv<br>A 1 hd f gv<br>A 1 hd f gv<br>A 1 hd f gv          | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv<br>F Hmc gv                                     |
| <b>II. BEOTHUK LINGUISTIC FAMILY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |                             |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |
| Beothuk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | HcB f gv                                                                                        | 1 Hunting                   |                                                                                                                                                    | Hmc f gv                                                                                                 |
| <b>III. SIOUTAN LINGUISTIC FAMILY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 |                             |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |
| W Winnebago [Pwants; Ouhigou] (Iroquoian)<br>Da Dakota [Nadousis; Isatis] (Siouan)<br>A Assiniboin [Assimoukwat] (Siouan)                                                                                                                                             | A 1 hd f gv<br>HcB f gv<br>HcB f gv                                                             | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | Hmc f gv<br>Hmc f gv<br>Hmc f gv                                                                         |
| <b>IV. ALGONQUIAN LINGUISTIC FAMILY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                 |                             |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |
| <b>a) Central Algonquian Language Group</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                 |                             |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |
| Oj Ottawa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | F Hm gv                                                                                         | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | HcM f gv                                                                                                 |
| 7 Mikissipi<br>8 Anikwia<br>9 Algonquian (N)*<br>10 Ouchouga (N)*<br>11 Ouchouga (N)*<br>12 Sagahamin                                                                                                                                                                 | F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv                                  | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv                                     |
| Cr Ottawa [Chevaux Relevés]<br>(Ouachaskoouik; Nipouachichichik;<br>Ouchougaououik; Kichagouak; Ontaniak;<br>Ouchougaououik)                                                                                                                                          | F Hm gv                                                                                         | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | HcM f gv                                                                                                 |
| <b>b) Eastern Algonquian Language Group</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                 |                             |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |
| Ma Menominee [Folles Avouine]<br>P Potawatomi [Houandaronk]<br>Mh Michigamec [Houandaronk; Sarcien]<br>S Michigan Algonquians<br>1 Sauk [Huathohonon]<br>2 Fox [Cataogan; Banchichonon]<br>3 Kickapoo [Ocharonon]<br>4 Mascouton [Assissahonon]<br>5 Ojibwaronon (O)* | Hd f gv<br>Hd a gv<br>Hd a gv<br>Hd a gv<br>Hd a gv<br>Hd a gv<br>Hd a gv<br>Unknown<br>Unknown | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv |
| <b>Mb Miami - Iroquo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                 |                             |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |
| M Miami [Achichachangouon; Papihik;<br>Mikongkias; Plankashaw; Kliskas]<br>2 Illinoi (Cahakia; Kaskaskia; Michigamec; Peonic;<br>Sarrako)                                                                                                                             | Hd a gv<br>Hd a gv<br>Hd a gv                                                                   | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv                                                                         |
| <b>Al Algonquian</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |                             |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |
| 1 Onontononon [Joquet]<br>2 Wabesari [Petre Nation]<br>3 Menowekaroni<br>4 Kichessipini [Alumette]<br>5 Chagouetonon<br>6 Sagahamin (O)*<br>8 Oujagouga (N)                                                                                                           | F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>F Hm gv<br>Unknown<br>Unknown                       | 1 Agriculture<br>2 Hunting  |                                                                                                                                                    | HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv<br>HcM f gv                         |

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPLEXES**

At present (1986), there is no synthesis of Canadian archaeology. Excellent regional monographs exist for various parts of Canada. There are also a large number of published and manuscript reports for areas and sections regions for central and western Canada. Distribution of archaeological complexes is based on the distribution of distinctive late prehistoric (pre-European) artifact assemblages, related settlement patterns and burial practices. Only a few sites located on the map have been excavated and dated. Many sites were apparently occupied for hundreds of years, and few were probably occupied at the same time. Besides showing the general area over which an archaeological complex is distributed, the map gives some indication of the extent of archaeological survey work to 1981. In some areas, such as the Hudson Bay lowlands and the banks of the Mackenzie River, sites may have been collected over time. The least understood areas appear to be Athabaskan occupied lands in the interior of British Columbia and the difficult terrain of the Yukon Territory and the Mackenzie River drainage basin.

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The reader should be cautioned that there is not necessarily an association between a linguistic group and an archaeological complex. Most archaeological information reflects non-material aspects of culture. In most cases, it is therefore unwise to identify prehistoric artifact assemblages with specific ethnographic groups. This problem is compounded by the degree of movement that has taken place through time.

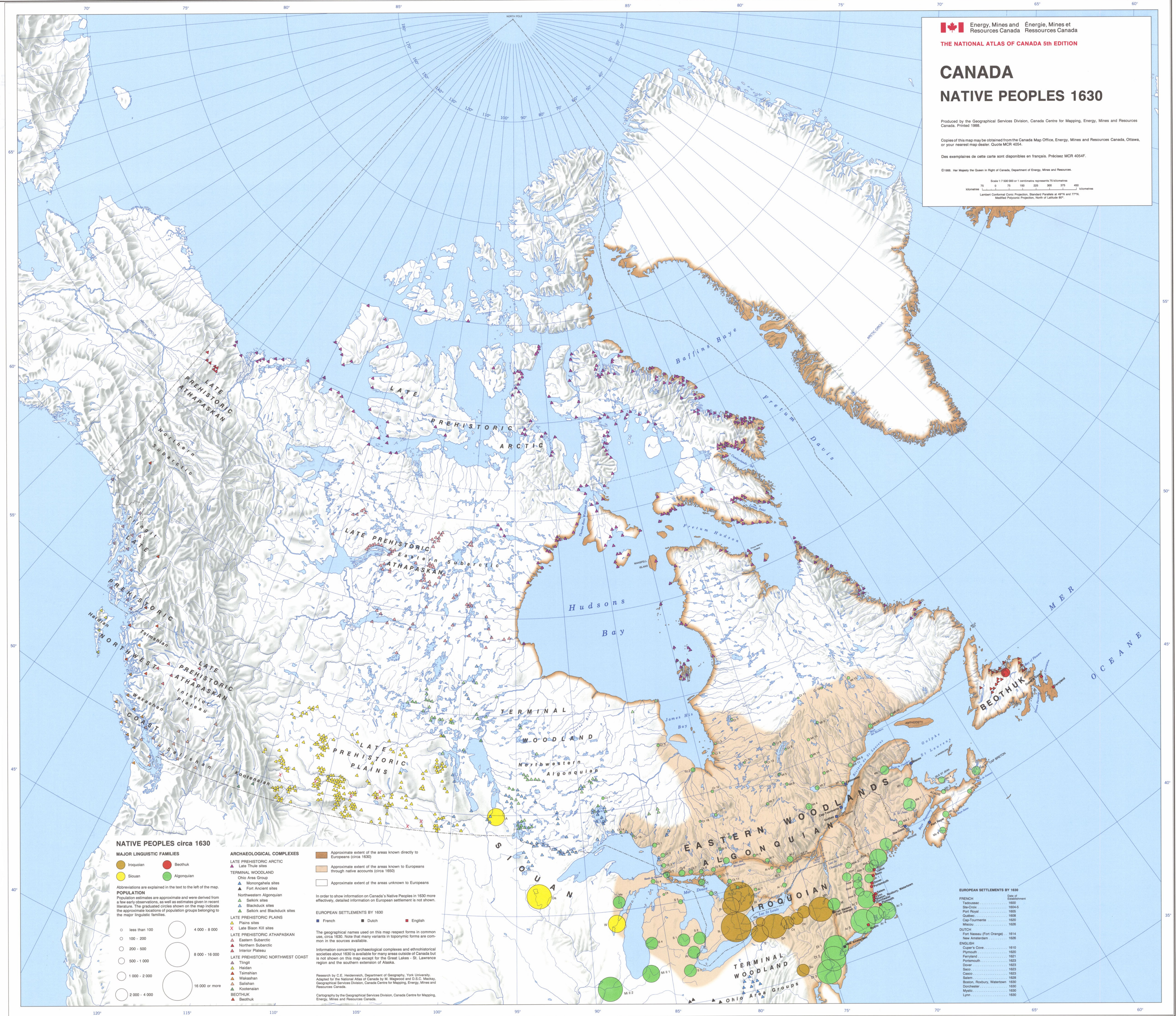
**ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPLEXES ARE NAMED ON THE MAP. THEY ARE DEFINED ON THE BASIS OF DISCRETE SIMILARITIES IN SETTLEMENT PATTERNS, BURIAL PRACTICES, TOOL ASSEMBLAGES AND SUBSISTENCE PATTERNS. THE LOCATION OF MAJOR ETHNOHISTORICAL AREAS IS IDENTIFIED BY A TRIANGLE AND ARE CODED BY COLOUR ACCORDING TO THE ETHNOHISTORICAL COMPLEX TO WHICH THEY BELONG. NOT ALL ETHNOHISTORICAL COMPLEXES CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITH SPECIFIC ETHNOHISTORICAL GROUPS.**

| APPROXIMATE TEMPORAL RANGE        | POSSIBLE ETHNOHISTORICAL AFFILIATION | SUBSISTENCE PATTERN           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Late Prehistoric Arctic        | Inuit                                | HcB f gv                      |
| 2. Terminal Woodland              | Not Known                            | A 1 hd f gv                   |
| 3. Late Prehistoric Plains        | Cree                                 | HcM f gv                      |
| 4. Late Prehistoric Woodlands     | Blackfoot and Other                  | Hb f gv                       |
| 5. Late Prehistoric North-Western | Not Known                            | F hd gv<br>Fhs gv<br>Fhd f gv |
| 6. Late Prehistoric Atlantic      | Beothuk                              | HcB f gv                      |

**POPULATION**

| POPULATION ESTIMATE | ETHNOHISTORICAL SOCIETY | ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPLEX |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| less than 100       |                         |                        |
| 100 - 200           |                         |                        |
| 200 - 500           |                         |                        |
| 500 - 1,000         |                         |                        |
| 1,000 - 2,000       |                         |                        |
| 2,000 - 4,000       |                         |                        |

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