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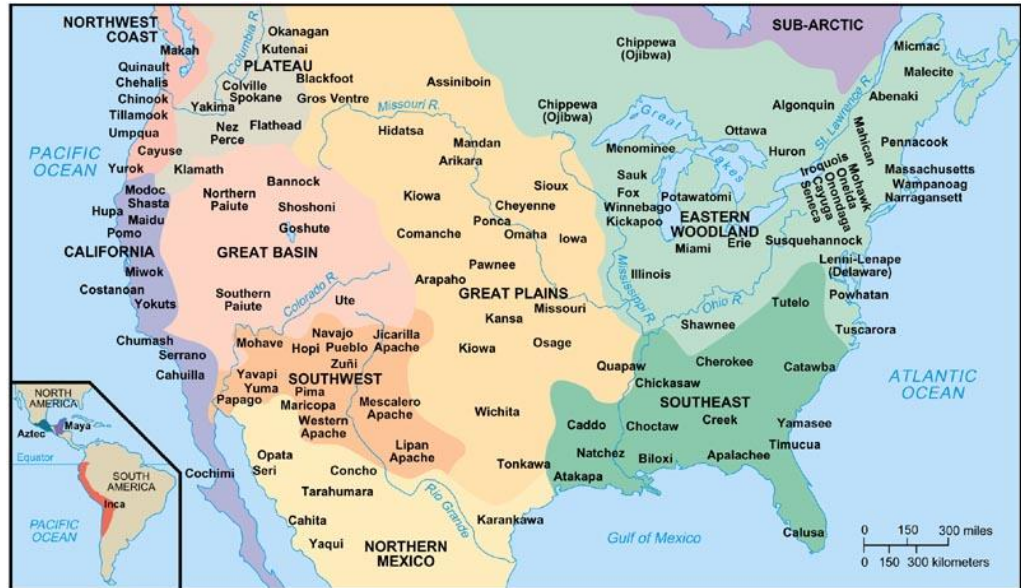


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Native Americans in the American Revolution

In the 1750s, the area west of the Allegheny Mountains was a vast forest. About 3,000 to 4,000 Native Americans were living there.

The population of all the Native American nations in NE North America was about 175,000. A few French and British traders traveled through the area.



THE FIRST AMERICANS: LOCATION OF MAJOR INDIAN GROUPS AND CULTURE AREAS IN THE 1600S

New France had three colonies: Canada, the Illinois country and Louisiana and west of the Mississippi.

There were about 70,000 colonists throughout the French settlements.

To the east of the Allegheny Mountains lived more than 1 million colonists in the 13 British colonies.

The relationship between native peoples and the emerging United States during the era of the American Revolution was a complicated one.

Native Americans in North America faced a dilemma on whether they would fight, for whom they would fight, and why they would fight.

Most Native Americans initially thought that the Revolution was an isolated disagreement between white colonists and their mother country.

However, the Revolutionary War evolved into a continent-wide struggle that the Native Americans could not avoid.

Early on, many of these tribes tried to stay neutral.

Later, many Native American tribes fought in the Revolutionary War and decided to join the British.

A few fought for the Americans.

The following is a list of Tribes who fought in the war (from Rebecca Beatrice Brooks):

- Wabanaki Confederacy
- Stockbridge-Mohican Tribe
- Shawnee Tribe
- Delaware Tribe
- Miami Tribe
- Wyandot Tribe
- Iroquois Confederacy
- Potawami Tribe
- Catawaba Tribe
- Chickasaw Tribe
- Choctaw Tribe
- Creek Tribe
- Cherokee Tribe

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