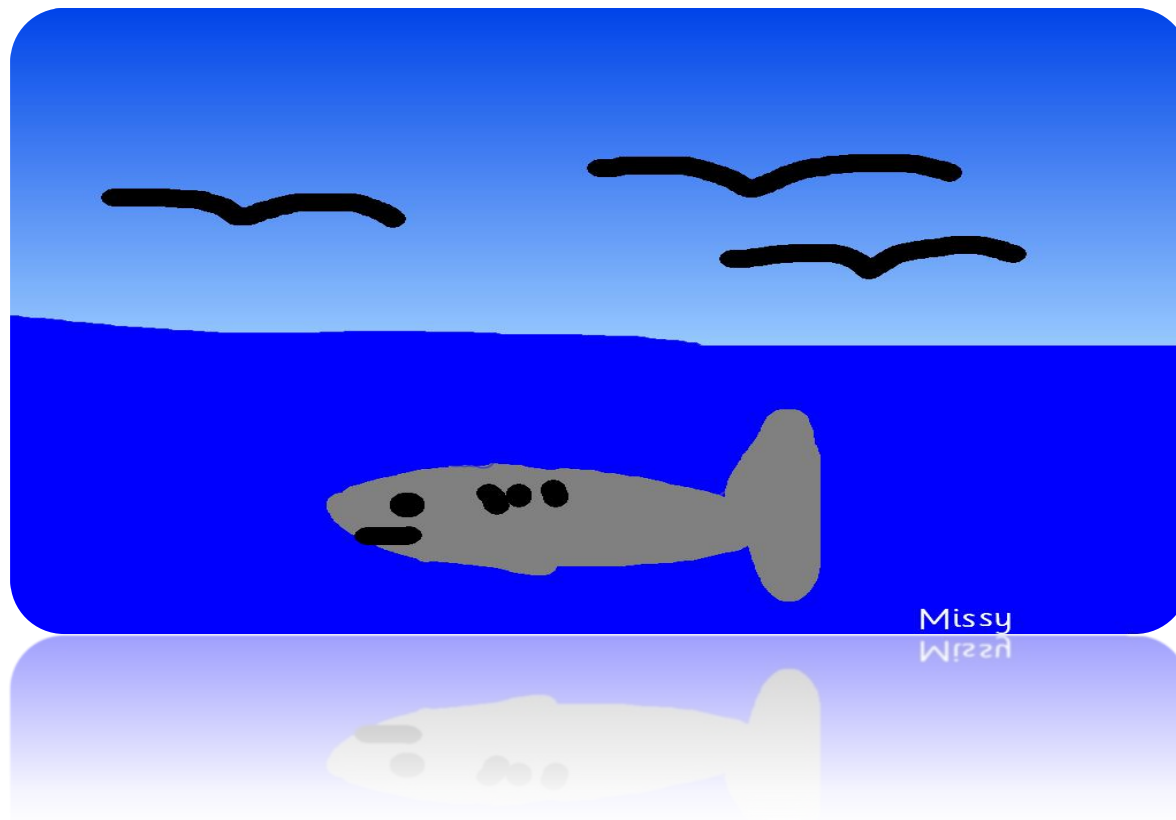


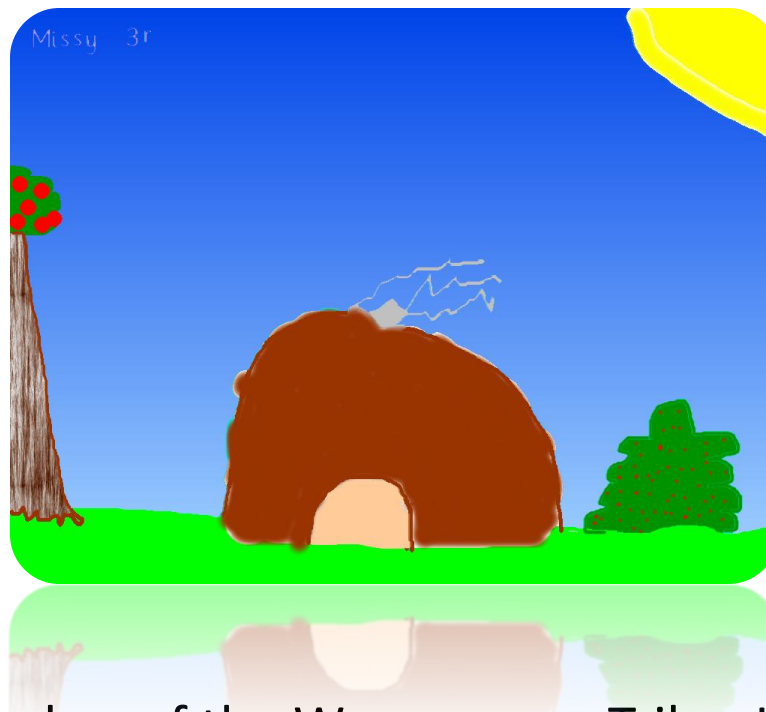
The Wampanoag

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Hi, my name is Proud Bear and it is summertime in the Northeast. It gets really hot here in the summer. In the winter we sometimes get blizzards. Lots of things grow here because rain comes down a nice amount of time. We are near the Atlantic Ocean so we get to eat fish, crayfish, lobster and other kinds of shellfish. There are also lots of deer, bunnies, foxes, wolves, birds and other animals. I think it's a wonderful place!



I am a member of the Wampanoag Tribe. I live with my father, mother, and my younger sister. I remember when my father, Tough Bull, and I made our wigwam. First we made a pit about 12 inches down in the ground. With saplings, we made a dome. We stuck the sticks in the ground and bent them into a dome shape and tied them with plant fiber. My sister, Quiet Rabbit, and my mother, Creative Hamster, wove mats made out of cattail reeds and put them on the dome. We left a hole on top so the smoke from our fire could come out. My father and I took a long cattail mat and attached it over the doorway. That helps keep the cold winds out, and animals, too. For my bed I have animal fur to sleep on, which is on the floor.



It's time to get dressed. I'm putting on my high leggings and my deerskin breechcloth, which is a piece of hide that wraps between my legs, and my deerskin shirt. My sash, made of deer leather, goes across my chest. I shot the deer on my own with my bow and arrow. I'm going hunting again today with the men. That is one of our jobs.



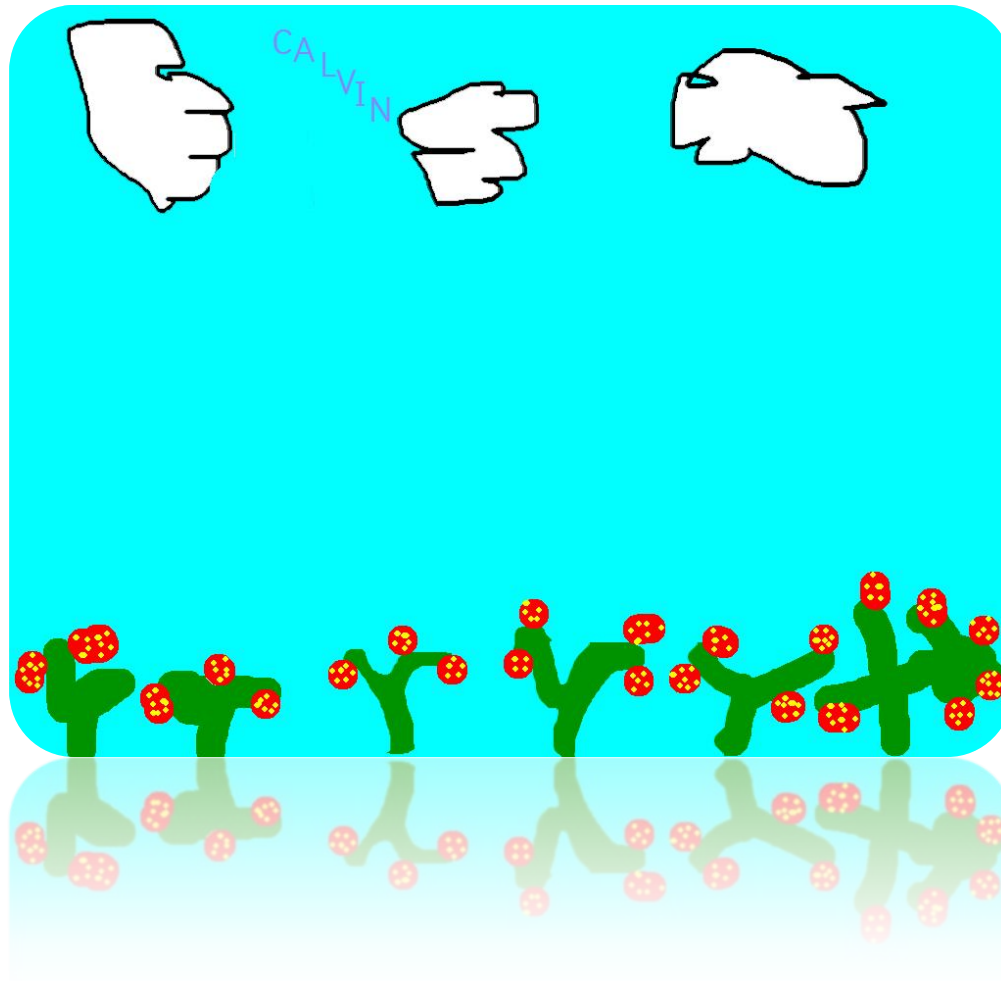
My mother's job is gathering nuts and berries with my little sister Quiet Rabbit, for us to eat, but we also get food from growing gardens. When the food is ready to harvest they put on pack baskets to help them carry crops, such as corn, squashes, cranberries and nuts. They also make sure that they dry enough food for the winter.



My father's job is to go hunting for deer, elk, bear, moose, and fish like flounder and cod, and shellfish, like lobsters. Father also makes tools like axes and knives out of wood, antlers, stone and bone. Father also grows tobacco to smoke and uses it in ceremonies.



It has been a busy day. I went hunting with my father, Tough Bull. On the way back I walked by the gardens where the women do hill planting. It was very colorful because in each hill was a tall corn plant surrounded by beans and squash. We call these three plants the “three sisters.” When they planted the seeds they also put fish in to fertilize the plants. I also walked by the place where the women dry the food. When it’s ready, they store it in bark containers. They dry it so it doesn’t rot and we have it for the winter. When I got back to our village I went to the fire pit for dinner. We were having duck stew. I had helped to catch the ducks using a bow and arrow. I am also good at catching rabbits with a snare. Sometimes I go down by the coast and dig for clams and look for mussels.



After we ate, mother and father told us that tomorrow we'll go to the Strawberry Festival. Wampanoags celebrate the Strawberry Festival in summer when the first berries ripen.

After, I went right to bed excited for the upcoming day!

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