



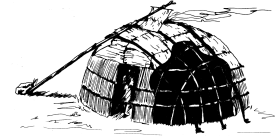
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Keeper Conversations: A Gathering of Community Voices

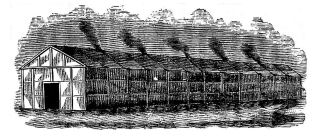
Researching Pre-Contact Homes, Grade 7

First Nations built and lived in homes before European settlers arrived in Canada. These homes were designed to reflect the local environment, available materials, and their lifestyles. Wigwams often housed individual families, while generations of extended families lived together in longhouses.



What Do I Know About Pre-Contact Homes?

In the video "Pre-Contact Homes," Chrystal Toop shares her knowledge of the wigwams the Anishinaabe people built before contact. Brenda Knights also shares her knowledge of longhouses in the Kwantlen Nation and their unique features.



Write what you already know about pre-contact homes and what they were like in your community.

Researching Pre-Contact Homes

1. Research the type(s) of pre-contact homes built in your community using the suggested websites and other sites you may know. Make sure you look for local information!
2. Record what you learned about 1 type of pre-contact home in the graphic organizer on page 2.

<https://lbrd.ca/can-enc-architectural-history-fn>

<https://lbrd.ca/can-enc-wigwam>

<https://lbrd.ca/can-enc-longhouse>

<https://lbrd.ca/build-wigwam-longhouse>





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Pre-Contact Home Graphic Organizer

Area(s) Where People Gathered	Area(s) Where People Cooked
Pre-Contact Home Type: _____	
Area(s) Where People Slept	Building Materials Used

Community Name/Location: _____



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Conduct an Interview

Ask family members, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, or other community members what they know about pre-contact homes. **Record** their responses in the table below. Remember to follow local **Protocols** when asking for knowledge from an Elder or Knowledge Keeper.

1. What types of homes did our ancestors live in before European contact?	
2. How were they built? What materials were used, and where did the materials come from?	
3. How were they organized? Were there separate areas for sleeping, cooking, and gathering?	
4. How did the materials used and the way the homes were built reflect the Nation's culture?	



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Pre-Contact Home Diagram

Draw a diagram of the pre-contact home you researched on page 1. **Label** the parts of the home and the building materials used.

