
Fall



"Indian Settlement near The Dalles, Ore." Indian girls near "Tenino", undated about 1900.

In traditional culture, fall could be more restful and fun than summer.

Intertribal groups gathered for trade, fishing, and games. Friends and family were reunited and shared stories of what happened during the summer months.

In high elevations, huckleberries continued to ripen and were ready for eating. Women and children gathered berries and roots in the mountains while men continued to hunt deer, elk, and other large animals.

Each family would need 20 to 30 large animals to provide food for the winter. Women worked hard to prepare the meat for storage and to turn the hides into clothing, shoes, and shelter.

As the early signs of winter arrived and the snow began to fall in the mountains, families would return to their winter villages and prepare for the cold months ahead.