

Indian, American

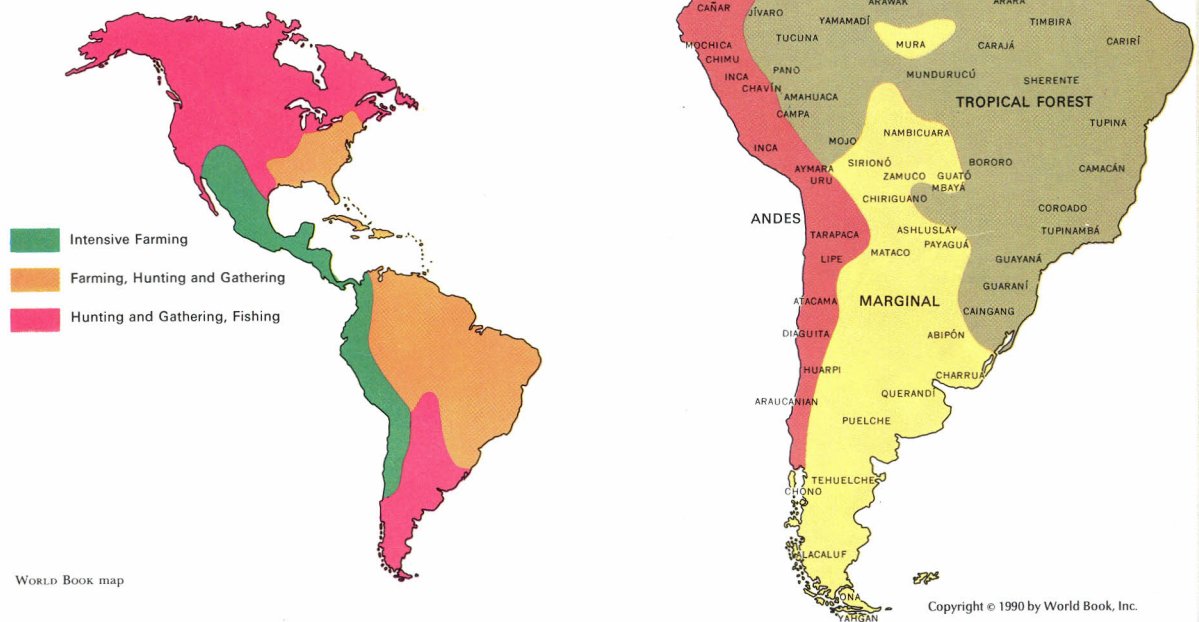
Where the Indians lived

The Indians of North and South America formed hundreds of tribes with many different ways of life. The location of many major tribes is shown below. Scholars divide the various tribes into groups of similar tribes that they call *culture areas*. Each culture area is shown as a different color.



How the Indians lived

Most Indians hunted and fished for their food or gathered wild plants and berries. Many tribes of the Eastern Woodlands and Tropical Forest also raised crops. But farming was the main source of food only in the Southwest, Middle America, and the Andes.



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