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Caddo Indians

The Caddo Indians were made up of several different tribes but all claiming that the lands below the red river and what is now Eastern Texas, and Southern Arkansas. They had much influence on the foreigners that later came wanting control of their vast territory. Much is not known about the Caddo Indians but is said that there were at least twelve different Caddo tribes throughout the all the lands they claimed were theirs. NEED A THESIS.

When France and Spain were taking lands in the New World the Caddo Indians were a necessary ally to have. The Caddo Indians having control and knowing much about a vast area of land were a key to the French and Spanish if they were to survive it as well as profit from the vast area. The French had established a friendship and trade first winning control for some time before Spain eventually used military force to make their way into Louisiana territory. When France ceded the land to Spain it took much time and work to get the Caddo Indians to want to trade and work with the Spanish but they eventually came around. The trade between these two large and powerful European nations brought many new things that the Caddo Indians had never seen or used before ultimately changing the way they lived their lives.

The Caddo Indians having controlled and lived on such a vast area of land not everything they did was exactly the same. The art and craftwork of all the tribes was similar in many ways but different in that they were so spread out that many lived in different types of environments thus many things were unique to each tribe. All the tribes created basic things like pipes, figurines, pottery, and pendants that would usually tell a story or symbolize something of importance. Tribes grew many types of foods like corn, pumpkin, beans, even tobacco and they most tribes lived in huts made of sticks, and mud mostly anything that they could get from the land. Caddo Indians culture was unique and this shows why the Europeans were so desperate to ally, trade, and learn from them how to survive in the New World.

The Caddo Indians may not have been one of the larger tribes in the Americas but they were definitely important. They knew the land they lived on very well and this was a major reason why they survived. They had a unique style of art, as well as crafting pottery and other things that are still being dug up and found to this day. Their ability to trade with the foreign powers brought many new techniques as well as religion, new foods, and customs that the Indians started to follow. The Caddo Indians were a big part in helping European’s settle the lands of Northern Louisiana and were honored with naming there lands Caddo Parish after they sold their lands to the U.S.

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