Makah Fact Sheet
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1. How do you pronounce the word "Makah"? What does it mean?
   Makah is pronounced "muh-kaw."
   This is an English pronunciation of a neighboring tribe's name for them, which means "generous ones." Their own name for themselves is longer and harder to pronounce, Qwiqwidicciat (which means "people of the point.")

2. Where do the Makahs live?
The Makah Indians are original people of the Pacific Northwest Coast. They live in Washington state.

3. How is the Makah Indian nation organized?
The Makahs live on a reservation, which is land that belongs to them and is under their control. The Makah Nation has its own government, laws, police, and services, just like a small country. However, the Makahs are also US citizens and must obey American law. In the past, each Makah village was led by its own local chief or headman, who was always a high-ranking clan leader. Today, the Makah Indians are governed by a tribal council elected by all the people.

4. What language do the Makah Indians speak?
   Makah people all speak English today. In the past, they spoke their native Makah language.

5. What were Makah homes like in the past?
The Makahs lived in coastal villages of rectangular cedar-plank houses with flat roofs. Usually these houses were large (up to 60 feet long) and each one housed several families from the same clan. Today, old-fashioned buildings like these are still made from cedar wood, but they are only used for ceremonial purposes. Makah people live in modern houses and apartment buildings.

6. What are Makah arts and crafts like?
   Makah artists are known for their fine Native American basketry and wood-carving arts, including wooden masks and totem carvings.