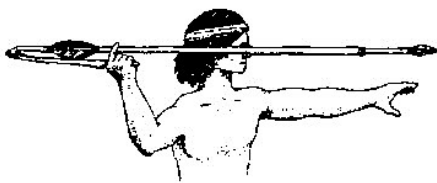




## Toolesboro for Kids

The people that built the Toolesboro Burial Mounds were called the Woodland People. They lived in Louisa County 2,000 years ago!

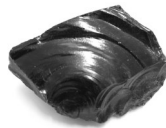
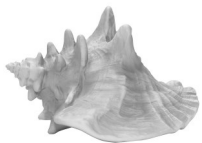
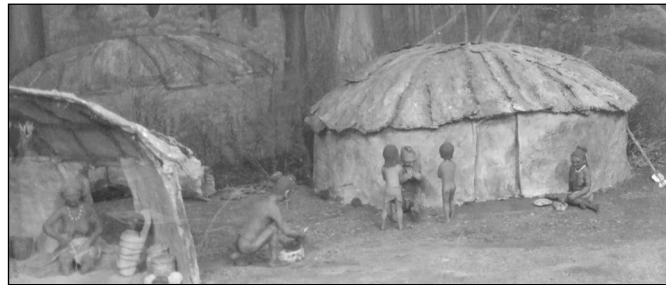
The Woodland People did not write things down so we have to look at what they left behind to learn about what their life was like.



They hunted with spears using an **atlatl**.  
The spears had spear points made out of rock.



Their houses were made out of reeds, grasses, and covered with animal hide in the winter.

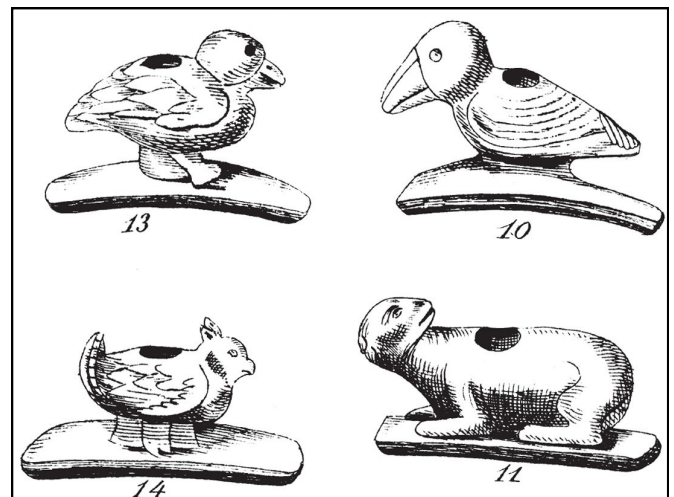


They traded with people as far away as the Gulf of Mexico and the Rocky Mountains for materials like **shells and obsidian** (a sharp volcanic rock).

The **Effigy Pipes** found at Toolesboro are famous! “Effigy” means in the shape of an animal.

This drawing shows 4 of the Effigy Pipes. What animals do you think they look like?

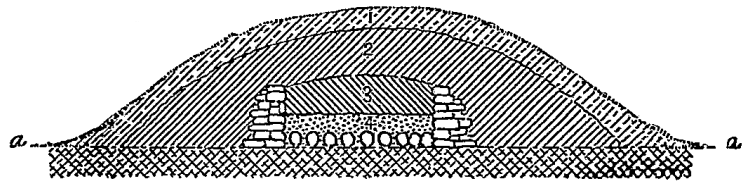
Remember, the people lived in Iowa along the Mississippi and Iowa River.





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Every culture handles death differently. European cultures build cemeteries. **The Woodland People built burial mounds.** Sometimes one person was buried in the mound, sometimes more.



There are 7 burial mounds at Toolesboro. There used to be at least 20. Some of the mounds eroded away, were dug into, or were farmed over.

### How do we know all of this?

Archaeologists study the things that were made or used by humans.

An artifact like an arrowhead, spear point, or effigy pipe can tell an archaeologist a lot about the people that made it!

If you are interested in learning more about **archaeology or cultural history in Iowa** visit:

[The State Historical Society of Iowa's Goldie's Kids Club](#)

[Iowa Archaeology's Facebook Page](#)

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