

A black and white photograph of a coastal village. The houses are built on a hillside overlooking a body of water. The houses are small and have gabled roofs. The background shows a dense forest of trees. The sky is overcast.

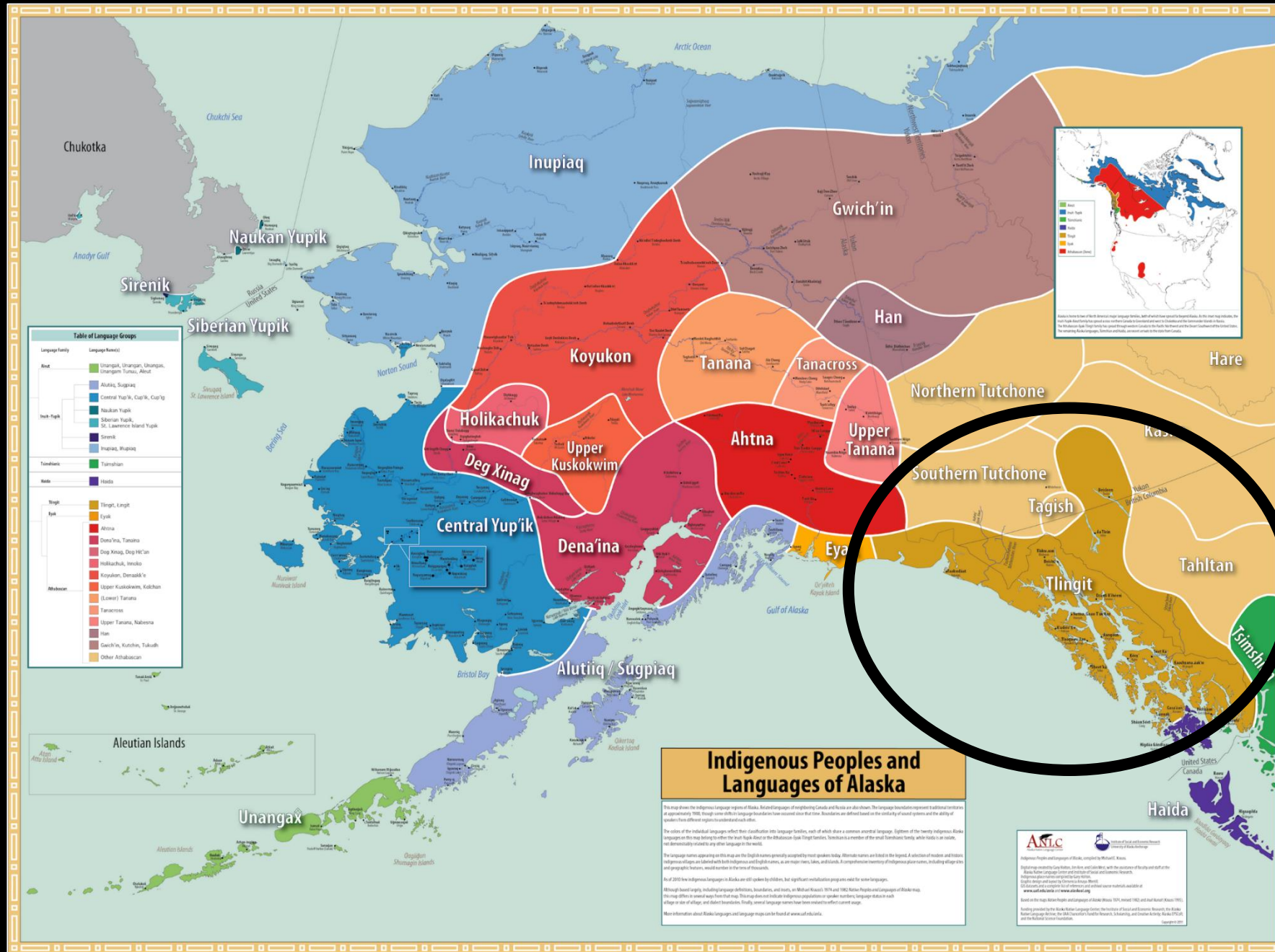
Tlingit

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(Pronounced Tlin-Git or
Klin-Kit)

Map

The Tlingit tribes were Northwest coast people. The Tlingit tribe traded with Tsimshian and Haida.



History

In the late 1700's the Russians were the first Europeans to establish relations with Tlingit Tribes, But then the Russians sold Alaska to the USA in 1867.

Technology

- ❑ The Tlingit tribes made dugout canoes.
- ❑ The dugout canoes could be more than 60ft long
- ❑ They used harpoons, bone hooks, and wooden fish traps.



Shelters

- ❑ The houses were rectangular and were made of cedar-plank with a bark roof.
- ❑ The shelters are usually 100ft long.



- ❑ The shelters housed many families up to 50 people
- ❑ Old fashioned buildings like the Tlingit's shelters are still made

Foods

- The Tlingit people were fishing people.
- The men caught the fish off canoes.
- The men also hunted deer, mountain goats, and birds.
- But the Tlingit tribes that lived farther on land had to rely on big game like caribou and moose.
- The women had the job of gathering shellfish, seaweed, berries, and roots.
- The woman mostly pick strawberries.

Clothing/Art

- ❑ The men in Tlingit wore breech clothes where it was warmer. The woman that were Tlingit wore shorts skirts made out of shredded bark in the warmer time.
- ❑ But where it was colder they wore different clothes. The men Athabaskans-style pants with moccasins attached. The woman wore longer dresses made of deer skin.
- ❑ They like to do crafts such as basket weaving, totem poles and chilkat robes.



Breech clothes



Moccasins



Chilkat Robes



Totem Pole



Weaved Basket

Language and Government

- ❑ Most native Tlingit people speak English now.
- ❑ Some still speak the Tlingit language (Mostly the elders)
- ❑ Tlingit is a hard language to learn and is going extinct.
- ❑ One of the words in the language is “Gunalcheesh” (Pronounce Gu-nall-chaish) and that means “thank you.”
- ❑ Tlingit and Haida share the same tribal government.
- ❑ The animals have their own names in the language



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