

Little is known about the history of the Arapaho before the beginning of the 19th century. The Arapahos are believed to have once lived in Minnesota, migrating from areas in Canada.

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KO3EINOO3ITO'O

OLD STORY

Teeexo' 3io'yoone' Hinono'eino' he'ih'entoono'. Hihoowuuni
woxhooxebi nih'ibiitobee3ei'. Nih'iinoo'ei3oo3i'
heniitonookuteeni3i beexo3ii. He'ih'iitonounowuuu notoyeicii
nihi'iiniistii3i' hiteixooninoo. Nih'iibiinoo3i' 3eiicifii
ci'nih'iibii3i'i. Hoxtoonou'u nehe' nii3hiine'etii3e'
he'ne'cihcesisiihi3i' hinee yiisiihi' Beesoowu'.
Ne'cei'sooni'i hibii3hiininoo-nowou'u, biibinootno, noh
ceeyowciineyoono. Ciiyoneehiiho' ne'cesistonounoo3i'.
Nih'oo3ou'u ne'cihcesisooseito'nei3i' honoot
he'ihcihno'xuhetino' Niinenii Niicie.
Nih'iibi'nii3oeenowoo3i' ne'cesistonounou'u 3ou'ouyokoyono.
Niito'nih'iitonounou'unotoyeiciine'cesishonoxohcebiinoo3i'
nih'ou3ou'u heeyouhuu. Ne'cihcesis tonounoo3i' nuhu'
woxhooxebii hoowoh biitobeenoo' nih'iiciiciisiikohei3i'
yiisiihi' heetiinhco'oo', Wooteenotoyoo', Bei'i'einiicie
heenei'isiihi' noh nih'ee3ebce' eekochu3i' heetko'einooni'
nehe' nih'iitcecinsi'i.

Translation:

A long time ago, Arapahos were in Canada. There were no horses. They walked on foot. They hunted the saber tooth. They used spears. They used the hides to make their clothing. They ate the saber tooth, they also ate roots. They lived along the banks, then they moved to the Great Lakes. Their food was different then, fish, berries, and vegetables. That is when they started using big dogs. That's when the white people started forcing them West, until finally they reached Colorado. They made shelter by forms of willows, then they started using tepees. At first, they used hides of animals, then they started trading goods with the whiteman. Then they began using horses. They didn't walk on foot anymore.

*They would walk a long way, towards Yellowstone, 15th century
and so far, and then they would go back home to where
where they spent the winter.*