The west coast of Canada by 7000-5000 BCE (9,000-7,000 years ago) saw various cultures who organized themselves around salmon fishing.[65] The Nuu-chah-nulth of Vancouver island began whaling with advanced long spears at about this time.[65] The Maritime Archaic culture is one group of North America’s Archaic c of sea-mammal hunters in the subarctic. They prospered from approximately 7,000 BCE-1,500 BCE (9,000-3,500 years ago) along the Atlantic Coast of North America.[66] Their settlements included longhouses and boat-topped temporary or seasonal houses. They engaged in long-distance trade, using as currency white chert, a rock quarried from northern Labrador to Maine.[67] The \pre-Columbian culture, whose members were called Red Paint People, is indigenous to the New England and Atlantic Canada regions of North America.