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The Seattle area was inhabited by <u>Native Americans</u> for at least 4,000 years before the first permanent European settlers. Arthur A. Denny and his group of travelers, subsequently known as the <u>Denny Party</u>, arrived from <u>Illinois</u> via <u>Portland, Oregon</u>, on the <u>schooner</u> *Exact* at Alki Point on November 13, 1851. The settlement was moved to the eastern shore of <u>Elliott Bay</u> and named "Seattle" in 1852, in honor of <u>Chief Si'ahl</u> of the local <u>Duwamish</u> and <u>Suquamish</u> tribes. Today,

Seattle has high populations of Native, <u>Scandinavian</u>, <u>Asian American</u> and <u>African American</u> people, as well as a thriving LGBT community that ranks sixth in the United States by population. [14]