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From the Rocky Mountains to the woodlands of Southeastern Manitoba, the native people of the plains spanned the Southern provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Tribal Relations

- There were no boundaries, such as the one that now exists between Canada and the United States. But each tribe recognized the traditional hunting areas of other tribes. Tribes recognized some others as allies, and others as enemies.
- The Blackfoot tribes maintained kinship by intermarrying within the other's tribe.
- The Blackfoot Confederacy tribes were known allies and fought others like the Assiniboine, the Cree, the Sioux, the Crow, the Shoshoni and the Kootenay tribes to the North.
- The Assiniboine and the Cree were allied together, and helped each other fight tribes from the Blackfoot Confederacy.
- The Blood warriors were known to be fierce, and their leading chief in the late 1700s was named Bull Back Fat.



Sioux Raid Party

War

- Tribes would send a limited amount of warriors to surprise a tribe, and ravage their village.
- A ceremony always preceded the raid and the warriors always left assuming they would not return.
- Spiritually charged items were kept in a pouch called a medicine bundle, and carried by the warrior for protection and strength.
- Horses also changed warfare on the plains. Young warriors found it great sport to sneak into a rival tribe's camp and steal horses. This led to many skirmishes and flare-ups between the tribes. Then the Chiefs had to make peace pacts, which might only last until the next raid a few months later.
- First Nations of the plains had plenty of experience in making alliances, pacts, and treaties.



Sioux Warriors

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