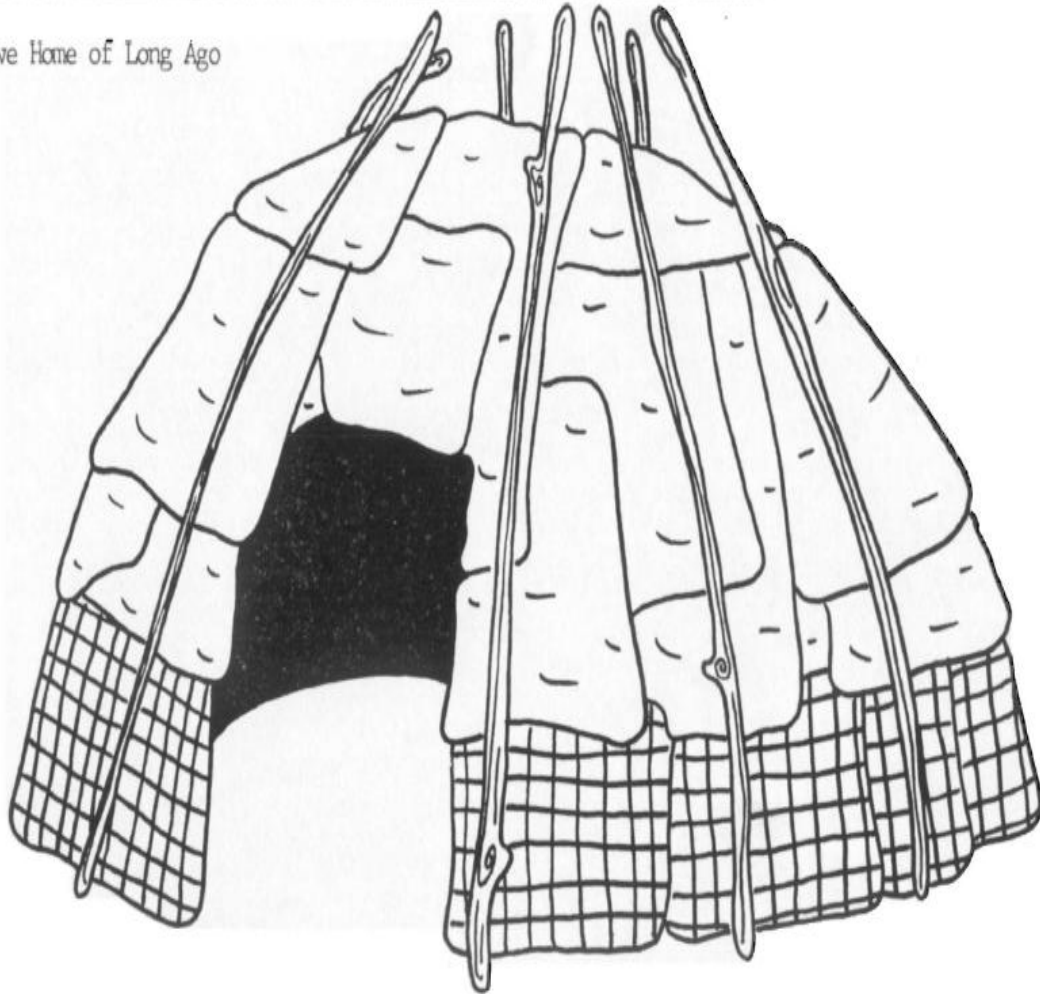


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An Ojibwe Home of Long Ago



This is an Ojibwe home from long ago. It is called a wigwam or a lodge. It is made of birch bark mats which cover a frame made of wooden poles. The poles on the outside help to hold the mats in place. This picture is of a summer home and so there are woven mats at the bottom. These may be rolled up so that air may pass through to cool the home. The Ojibwe made use of familiar materials in order to build homes that were cool in the summer and snug in the winter. All homes had openings for the door and in the top in order to let smoke from the fire escape.