



The Saami (or Lapps) live in far northern Europe, including Arctic Norway, Sweden, and Finland. They were the earliest to reindeer herders living off the meat and milk of their herds and followed traditional religious beliefs based on shamanism.





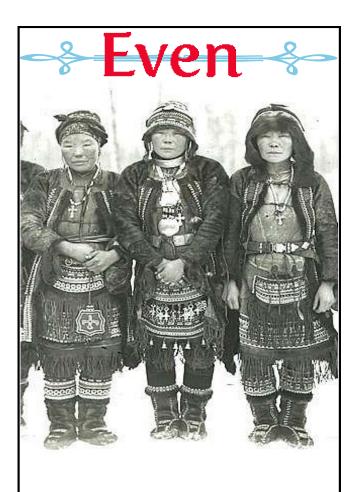


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The Inuit of West Greenland were colonized by the Danes in the 18th century. The ancestors of the Greenlanders were Thule-culture Inuit. Several centuries of Danish rule have protected the Greenlanders from the exploitations suffered by many other Arctic peoples.



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The Chukchi are divided into two groups. They are sea hunters and reindeer breeders. Both groups traded with each other and exchanged blubber, seal and walrus skins for reindeer skins.

