

Wichita Artifacts

Now you are ready to answer, "What tools did the Wichita use to build the grass house?"

Archaeologists found these Wichita stone and bone artifacts. Study these artifacts and decide which were used to build the grass house. Keep in mind that tools, just like today, can be used for many different tasks.



Thin **knives** made of stone were used for cutting all kinds of materials. The Wichita made a special beveled knife (right).



A **grassing needle** was made from a bison rib bone. It was used with cordage to fasten bundles of grass onto the house frame.



A bone **hoe** was made from the scapula (shoulder blade) of a bison. It was tied to a wooden handle and used for digging.



A **scraper** made of stone was used to scrape the inner bark of a tree.



An **ax** made of stone had a sharp edge and was used to cut trees.