

The illustrations in this coloring book are by Chinook artist Charles Funk. They are from a soon-to-be-printed booklet called "Cathlapotle...Catching Time's Secrets," which explores the parallel topics of Cathlapotle history and the science of archaeology.

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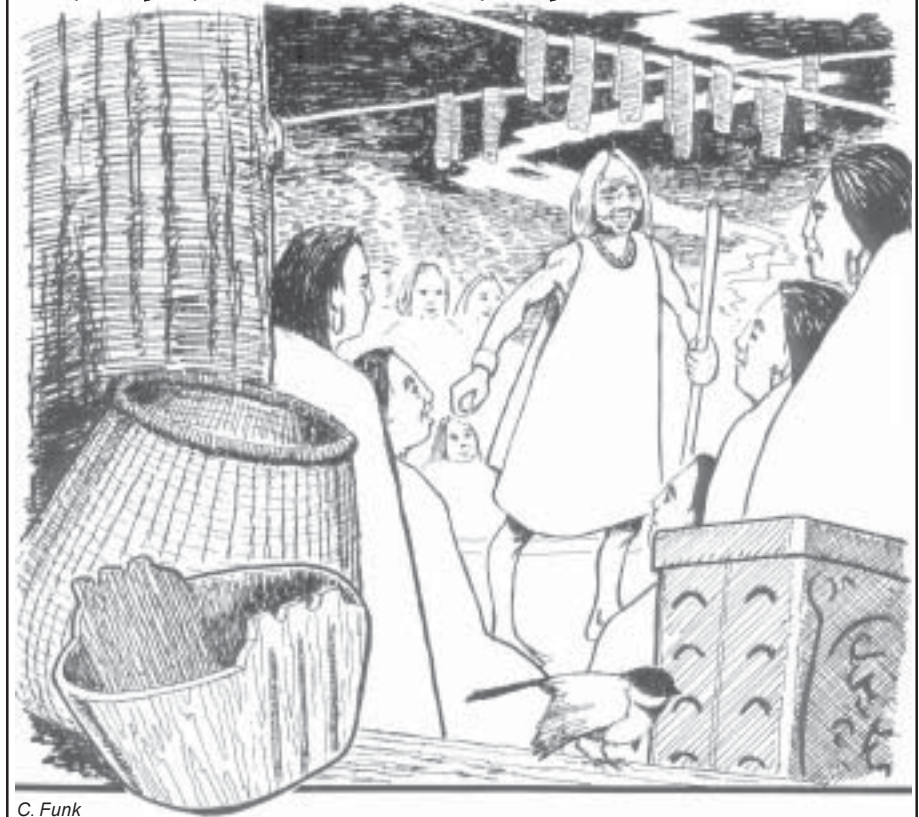


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A Winter's Afternoon



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Fascinating Facts

Use this space to keep track of interesting things you learn today and in the future about Cathlapotle, the Chinook Tribe, Lewis and Clark, the Columbia River, native plants and animals, the science of archaeology, or any other topic!

What Can Archaeology Tell Us?

Archaeological excavation is a scientific process that carefully peels back the layers of time.

Much of what we know about the Cathlapotle people comes from what they left behind. The remains of their houses are no more than dark stains in the ground, and the leftovers from their meals have been tossed into piles, called middens. Many of their personal belongings have long since rotted away in the damp Northwest climate. But there are still secrets the past can share.

By studying what's been buried in the ground, archaeologists find clues to tell us more about where people of the past lived, what they ate, and what the world around them looked like.



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How Would You Live?

Use the space to draw some of the objects you would want to have to help you live in a plankhouse without grocery and department stores, cars, televisions, or hospitals.



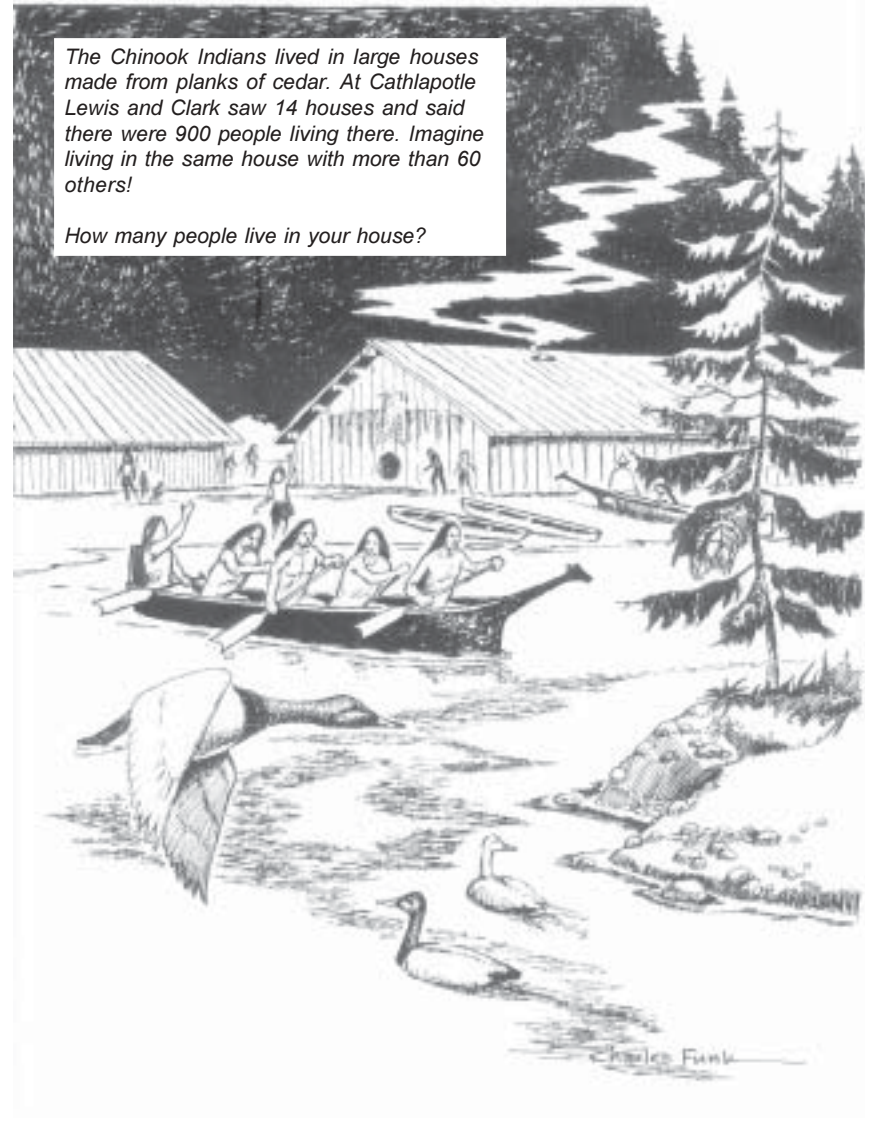
Cathlapotle...catching time's secrets

Cathlapotle was a large Chinook village on the banks of the Columbia River when Lewis and Clark first saw it on November 5, 1805.

Today it is an archaeological site on Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in Washington.

The Chinook Indians lived in large houses made from planks of cedar. At Cathlapotle Lewis and Clark saw 14 houses and said there were 900 people living there. Imagine living in the same house with more than 60 others!

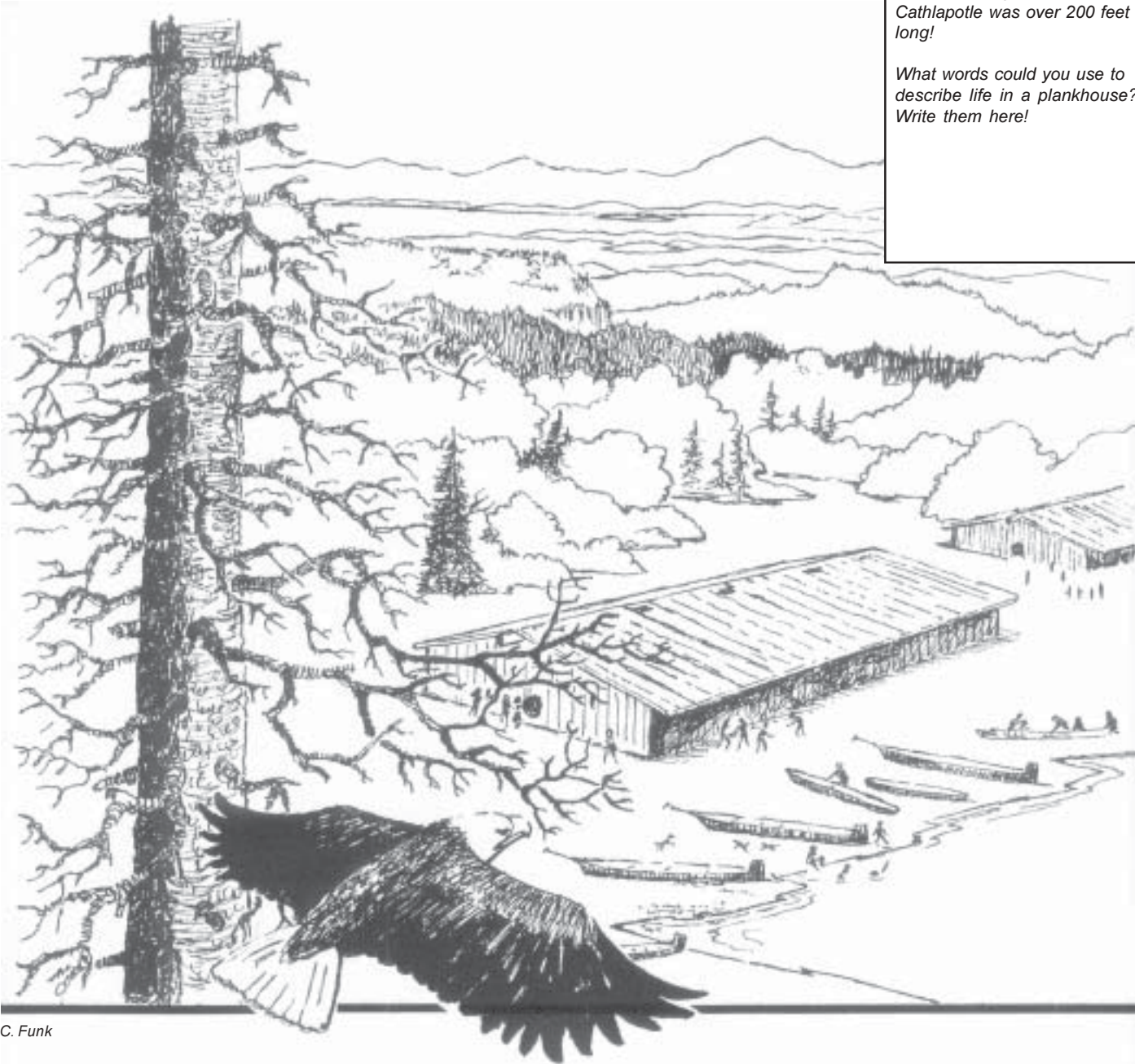
How many people live in your house?



Welcome to Cathlapotle!

The plankhouse replica at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge is going to measure about 78 feet long by 37 feet wide. The longest house at Cathlapotle was over 200 feet long!

What words could you use to describe life in a plankhouse? Write them here!



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Just imagine!

You're sitting beside the fire, listening to the elders tell stories as the wind blows outside. The smoke spirals up through openings in the roof, drying fish hanging from the rafters.

All around you, inside and outside, people are going about the chores of everyday life. Some are preparing plants for food, while others go fishing, or mend nets, or hunt, or trade, or any of a thousand tasks.

Stepping outside, you hear geese cackling in the wetlands nearby. As you watch the sky, a string of sandhill cranes flies overhead.

Imagination Plus!

Soon, you'll be able to experience for yourself what it might have been like to live and learn in a plankhouse.

You'll have the chance to learn about the plants and animals that were important to the Cathlapotle people, and what they had to do every day to live comfortably in their big houses made of wood.

Stay Tuned!

If your family has access to the internet, you can keep up-to-date with plankhouse happenings at www.plankhouse.org! Or, you can sign up to be on the mailing list.