

Chahta Okla

(The Choctaw People)



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Aiisht Ia Ummona

(Beginnings)

- Journeyed from the West with the Chickasaw
- Emerged from under the earth near Nunih Waiya

Nunih Waiya Yakni Chiluk

(Nunih Waiya Cave)



Nunih Waiya

(Leaning Mound)



Chahta Hopaki Ash Nan Anoli

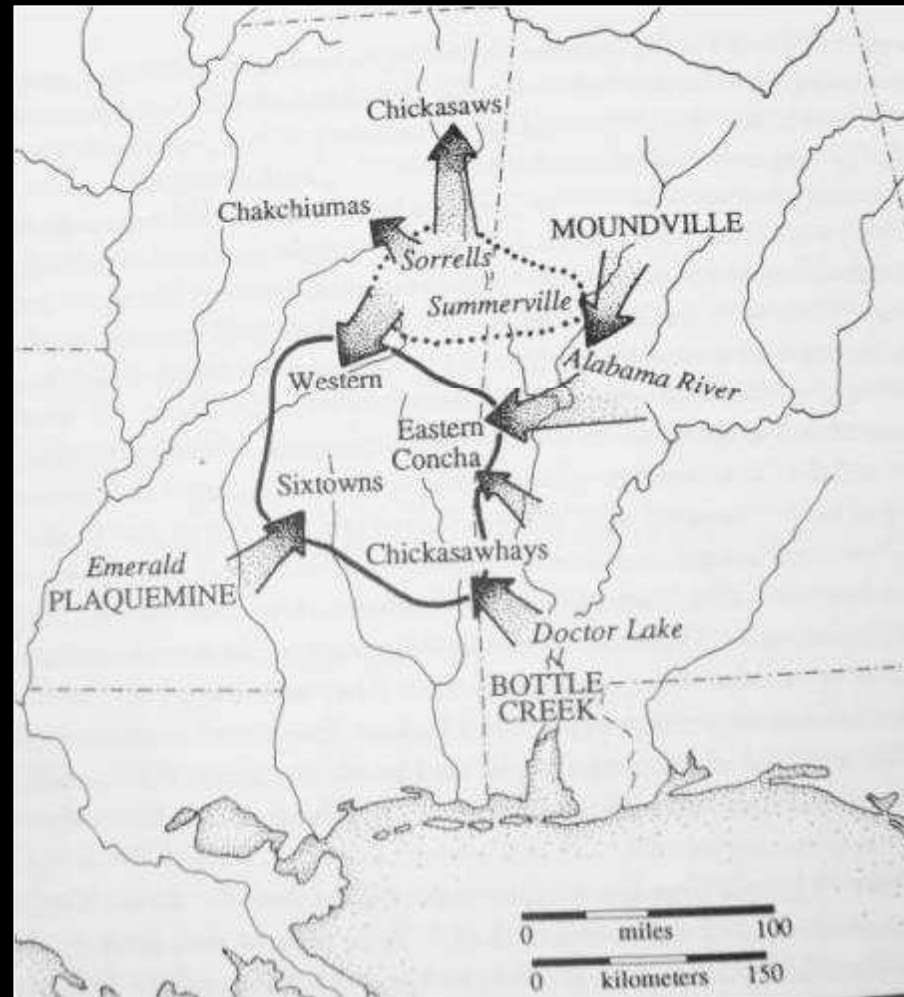
(Ancient *Choctaw* Stories)

- Corn (AD 1000)
- Bow and arrow (AD 650)
- Ceramic technology (1000-500 BC)
- Extinction of Megafauna (12,000 BC)



Himak Chahta Aishtia

(Formation of the Contemporary Choctaw Tribe)



Hushi Akuchaka Hattak Hopaki (Moundville)

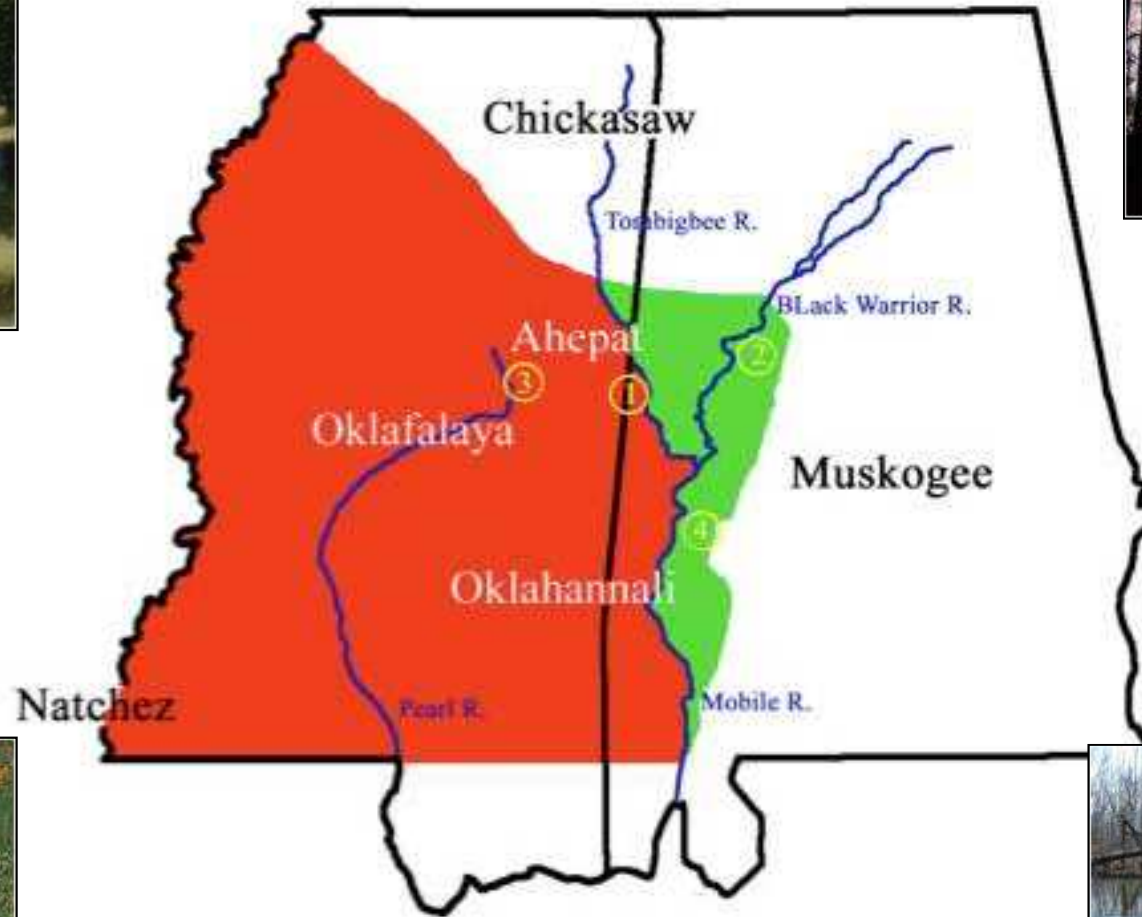


Hushi Aiokatula Hattak Hopaki

(Plaquemine)



Chahta I Yakni *(Choctaw Lands)*



Yakni Nan Isht Afehna

(The Importance of Land)

- Indigenous knowledge comes from the land through the relationships Indigenous Peoples develop and foster with the essential forces of nature. These relationships are encoded in the structure of Indigenous languages and in Indigenous political and spiritual systems. They are practiced in traditional forms of governance, and they are lived in the hearts and minds of Indigenous Peoples (Simpson 2004:378).



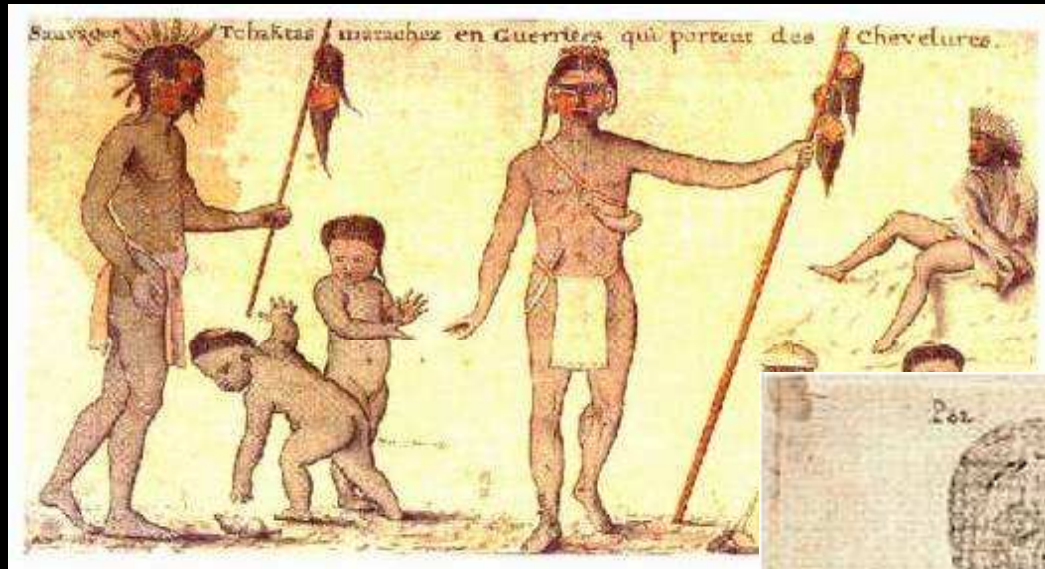
Forest Service



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Chahta Tikba Okla

(The Ancestral Choctaw People)



De Batz ca. 1732

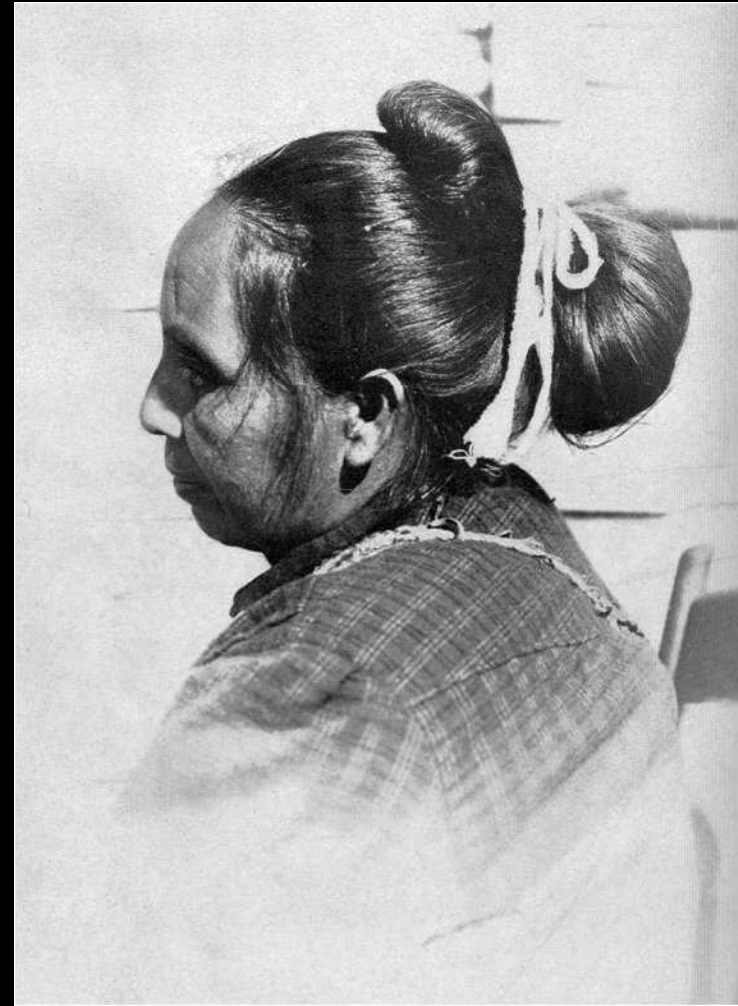


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Chahta Ohoyo Im Isht Ahalaia

(Choctaw Women's Responsibilities)

- Life-givers
- Foundation of the community
- Home-owners
- Agricultural producers
- Domestic activities



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Chahta Hattak Im Isht Ahalaia

(Choctaw Men's Responsibilities)

- Hunting
- Protecting the community
- Playing Stickball
- Interacting with other groups
- Doing heaviest work
- Serving as orators/historians



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Toffa Kaniohmichit Isht Asha

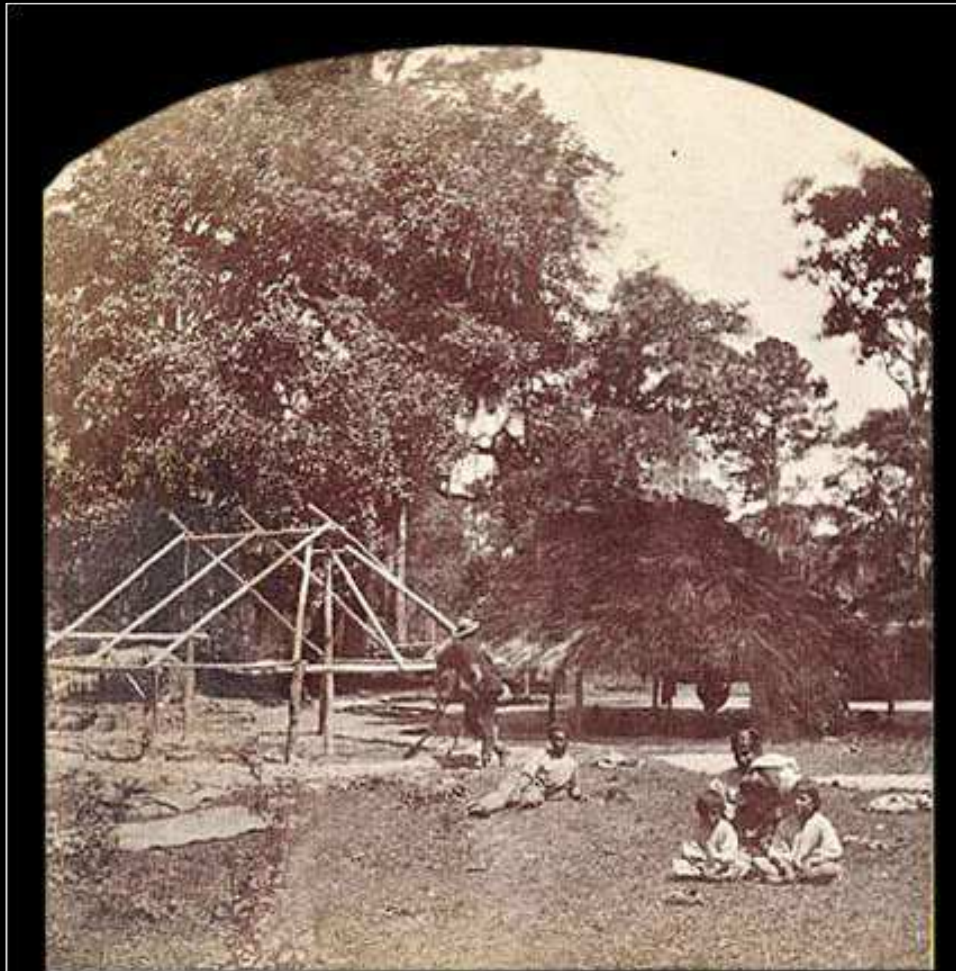
(Warm-Season Activities)

- Community
 - Disburse to family homesteads
 - Field-planting (beginning around equinox)
 - Collection of wild plants
- Men/Boys
 - Small-game hunting
 - Fishing
 - Stickball
- Women/Girls
 - Field-maintenance



De Batz 1732

Toffa Chukka (*Summer House*)



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Bodmer 1834

Osapa Na Hokchi

(Planting a Field)



Le Moyne 1591



Na Waya

(Edible Plants)



Toffa Na Waya Itahobli

(Collecting Summer Fruits)



Hammer 2005



Cook 2008



Nan Uihpoa Nukshopa Owutta

(Hunting Small Game)



Boisseau 1847

Nuni Ubi/Hokli (*Fishing*)

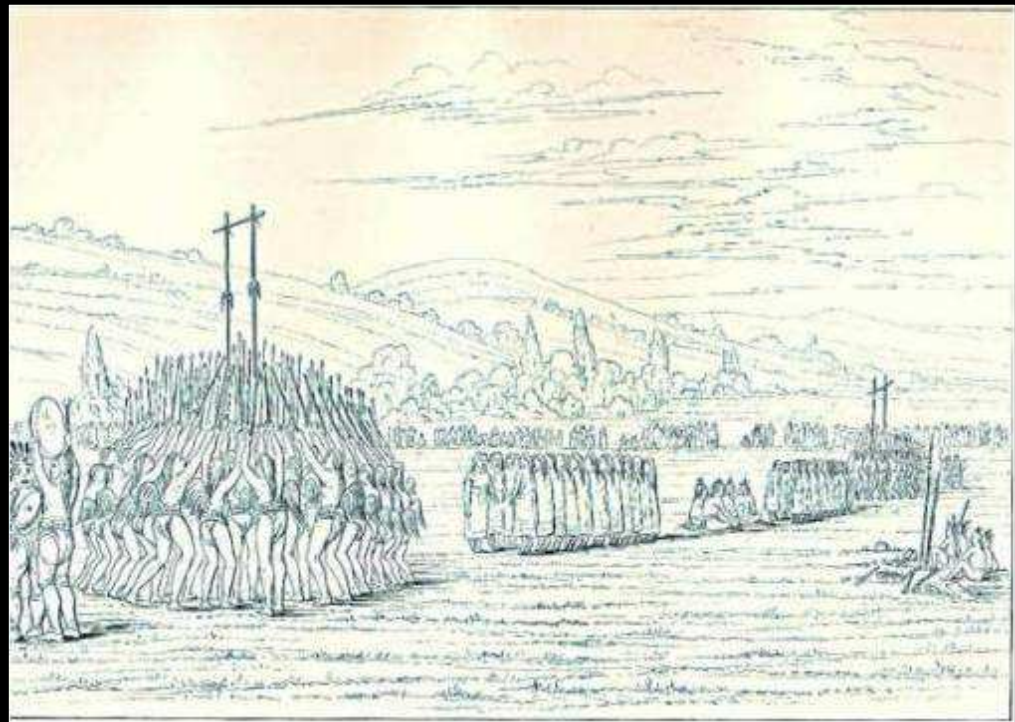


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Ishtaboli (Stickball)



Catlin 1834



Catlin 1834

Hushtola Nana Akaniohmi

(Cold-Season Activities)

- Community
 - Harvest fields
 - Move into winter residence
 - Feasts
- Men
 - Hunt large game
- Women/Girls
 - Preserve and prepare food produce



Hushtula Chukka

(Winter House)



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Hushtulahpi Na Waya Aiyoa

(*The Fall Harvest*)



De Bry 1591



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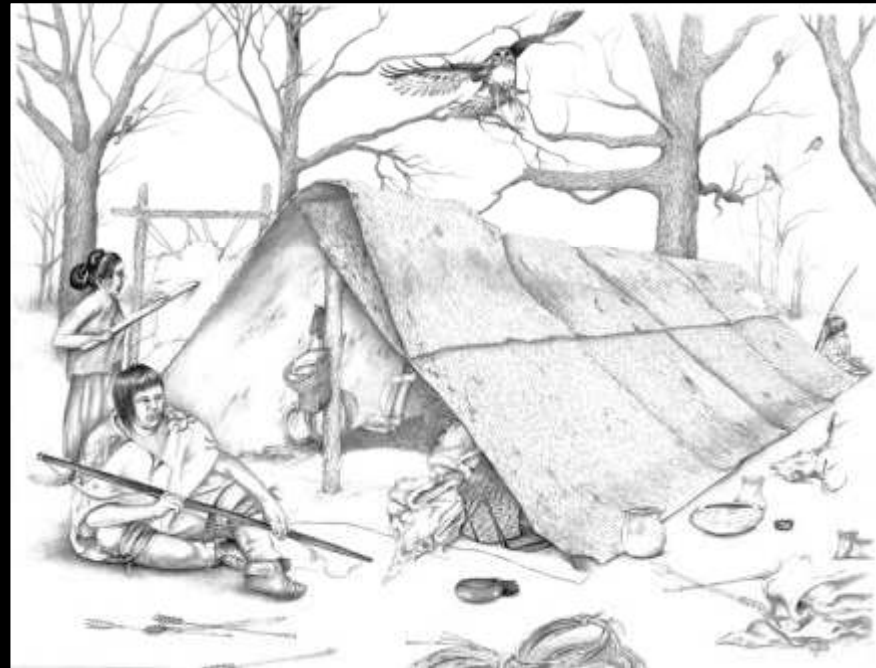


De Bry 1591

Issi Owutta (Deer Hunts)



De Bry 1591



Ruby Bolding 2011



Du Pratz 1758

Ilhpak Atahli (*Preparing Food*)



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De Bry 1591

Impa Chito Ikbi (Feasting)



De Bry 1591



Hobachit Ikbi

(*Colonization*)

- Spanish, French, English, United States
- Thousands of Choctaw died from disease and war
- Land base reduced by 99.84%
- Ecosystem destruction
- Choctaw family and governmental structures altered
- Tribe fragmented
- Language, people, and traditional knowledge marginalized

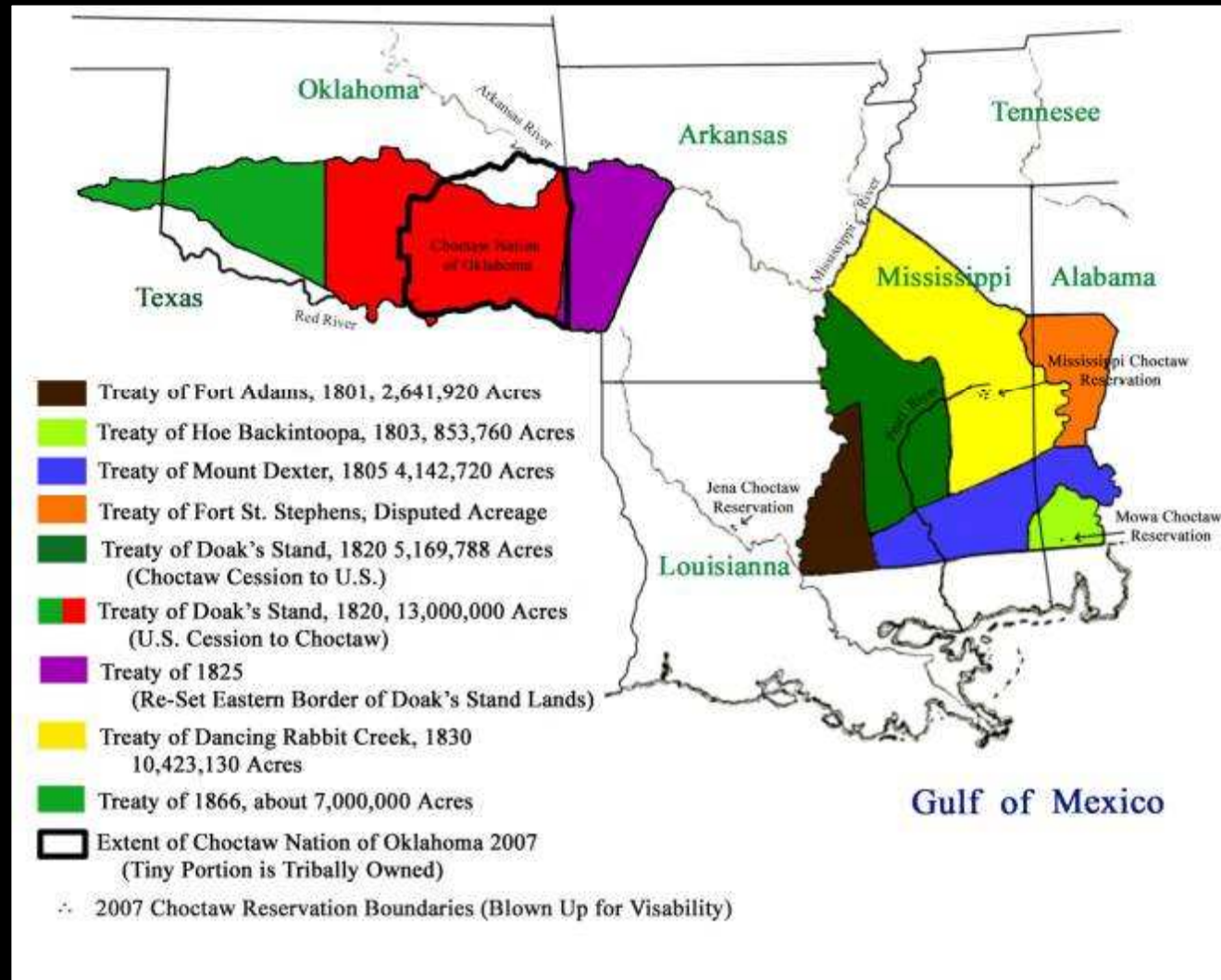


Hererra y Tordesilla 1615

Tunup (Warfare)

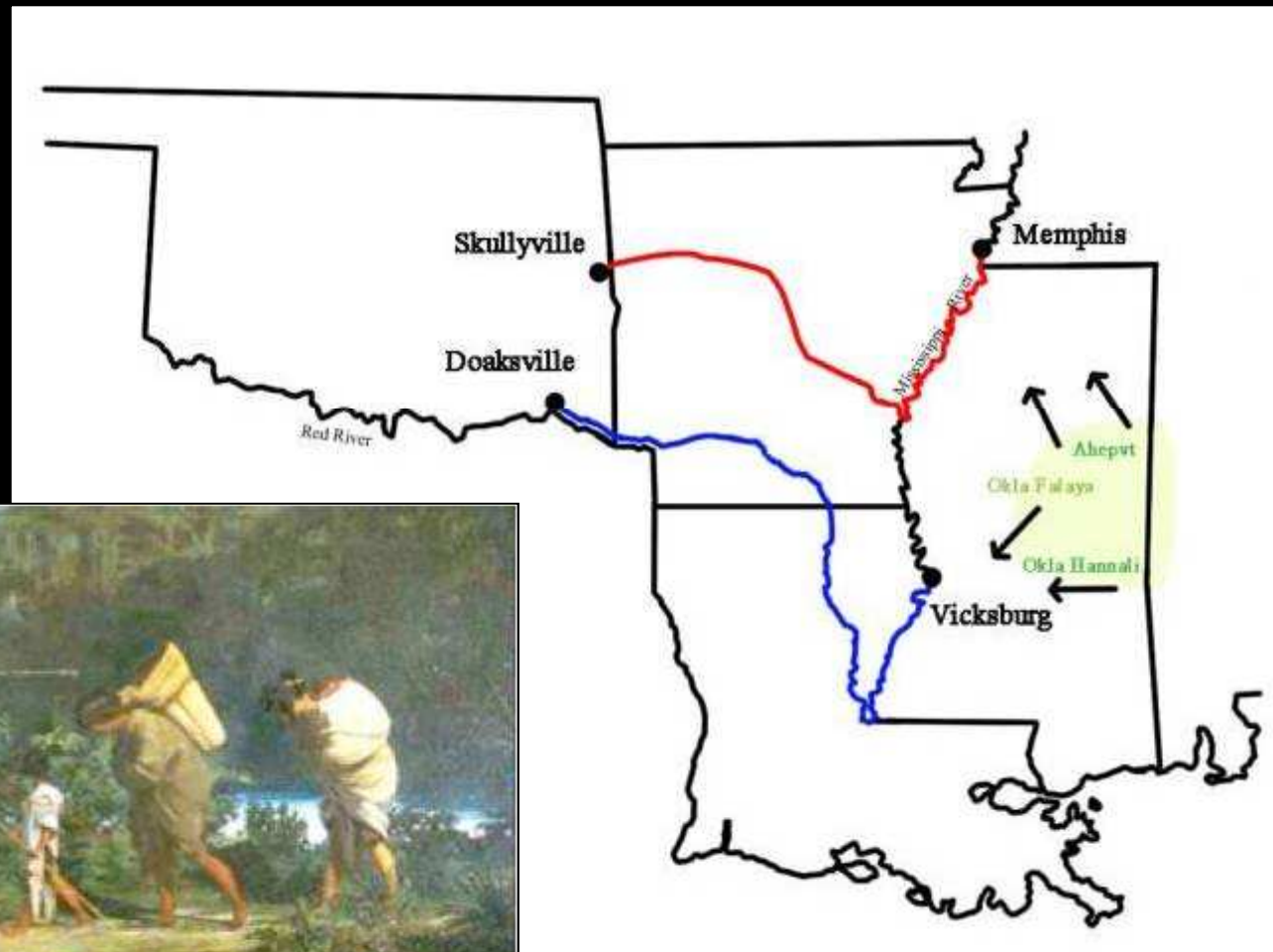


Yakni Awehli (The Taking of Land)



Nishkin Okchi I Hinoshi

(Trail of Tears)



Bossieu 1847

Hobachit Ikbi

(Assimilation)



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Gast 1872

Himak Pilla

(The Future)



“I could cheerfully hope, that those of another age and generation may not feel the effects of those oppressive measures that have been so illiberally dealt out to us; and that peace and happiness may be their reward”.

Chief Harkins, setting out on the Trail of Tears, 1832

Falummint Ishi

(Recovery)

- A reassertion of sovereignty and self-determination
- Development of Tribal social programs
- Culture camps
- Language classes
- Tribal fairs
- Revival of Choctaw Stomp Dance
- Southeastern Native Seed Bank
- Rehabilitation of Mississippi canebrakes
- Recovery of Nunih Waiya



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