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Tipi Tectonics: An Analysis of How Culture, Beliefs, and Traditions Positively Affected Lakota Housing

The Great Sioux Nation is well known for their nomadic lifestyle. This way of life would not be known for what it is today if it were not for the tipi. Originally arising from the elaborate indigenous culture, this portable dwelling was known for being extremely efficient, sustainable, and well-designed. In today's society there are extreme issues that the aboriginal peoples face within their homes, which could be solved through understanding the beliefs and customs that the Lakota are accustomed to. By understanding the beliefs and traditions of the original habitants of the Great Plains and integrating this information with modern design methods, design strategies from the past could help alleviate housing issues faced by the Great Sioux Nation today.