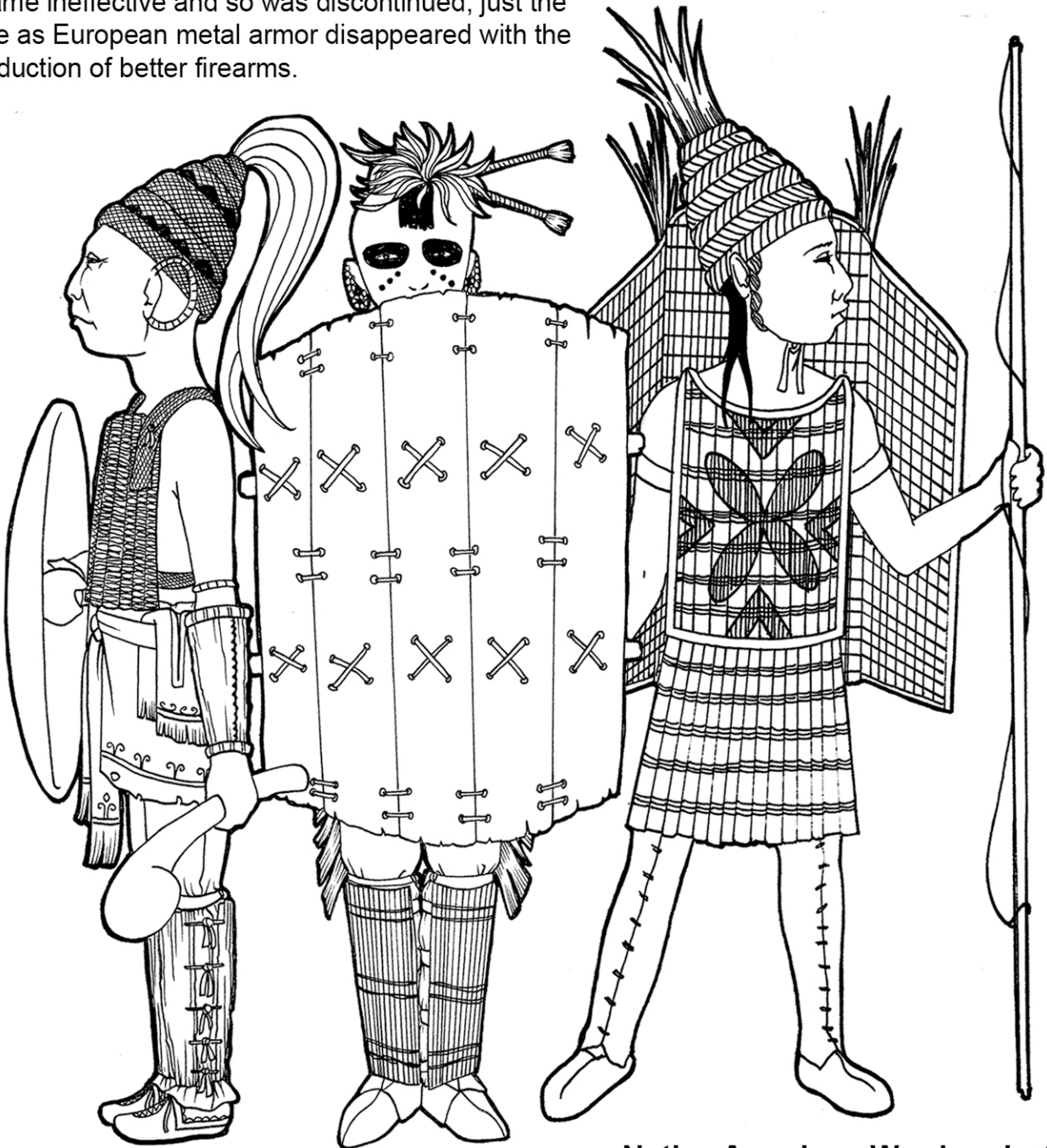


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Native Armor

Did you know some Native Americans wore armor? They did. Some cultures like the Miami, Delaware, Potawatomi, and Ottawa made shields out of wood, bark, and rawhide. Others like the Wyandot (Huron) wore rod- or slot- wood armor in the form of chest plates, arm guards, and leg guards. Some wore pointy helmets made of woven materials, and others wore helmets made of wood. Their armor worked well to block most stone and bone tipped arrows and the powerful blows of war clubs, however, it didn't protect the wearer from European musket balls. Even worse, it didn't allow the wearer to flee fast enough in battle, which put his life in danger. Native armor became ineffective and so was discontinued, just the same as European metal armor disappeared with the introduction of better firearms.



Native American Warriors in 1600