

ALGONQUIN GLOSSARY

Canonicus	Narragansett sachem who pressured Massasoit Ousamequin after the epidemic of 1616-1619 to pay tribute with wampum in exchange for protection and assistance.
Cheepi	God of the dead. A source of power for the pnieces and shamans. Both Tisquantum and Hobomock's names have the same meaning as cheepi.
Epenow	Aquinnah Sachem, one of many who agreed to the alliance agreement.
King Phillip	Metacom/Pometacom/Metacomet was the second son of Ousamequin. He became the sachem after the mysterious death of his brother Massasoit Wamsutta. Metacom led the charge in the war named after him, dying in 1676.
Massasoit	Great Chief/leader. Ousamequin Yellow Feather was the Great Chief of the Pokanoket Wampanoag people.
Midden	A trash mound mostly made up of muscle shells and non-shell material left by the natives before the Mayflower arrival. They are over a thousand years old and have spiritual meaning to the Natives.
Mishoon	A long boat. Large tree trunk is burned on the top side to hollow out using Elk horn or a large mammal's hip bone.
Nauset	Present-day Eastham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts where the first sighting of the Nauset Natives occurred at First Encounter Beach.
Noepe	Martha's Vineyard, an island off the coast of Cape Cod Massachusetts.
Patuxet	Location of the Wampanoag Pokanoket village wiped out by the epidemic and where the Pilgrims settled.
Petroglyph	Images chipped into rocks that only have meaning for the person who created it.
Pniece	A spiritual leader, priest, counselor warrior.
Pokanoket	The first people who inhabited villages in Southeastern Massachusetts Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Islands, and the east side of Narragansett Bay.
Sachem	Chief of a native village. Known as sagamore in the area known as Maine. Sachemships are villages lead by a sachem.
Sowams	The home of the Massasoit Ousamequin, a peninsula on the east side of Narragansett Bay in Warren/Bristol Rhode Island.
Weir	Net and wood fences in the water channeling varieties of fish for the catch.
Wetu	A winter or summer house of the Pokanoket Wampanoag people.