

Leadership



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Many individual tribes in the Chesapeake belonged to larger alliances known as tributary networks. These alliances included the Powhatan, Piscataway, Nanticoke, and Asseateague. Individual tribes each had a leader known as a weroance if he was a man or a weroansqua if she was a woman. The town might also have a council of elders, known as wisos or cronocoos. Religious and wartime leaders would have also contributed to the tribe's leadership. These individual tribes were all allied under the authority of a mamanatowick, or paramount chief. The tribes offered a portion of their food and other goods to the mamanatowick as a payment of tribute.