Reconstructions of Middle Tanana Lithic and Technological Terminology

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Stone terminology themes appear to have reflected gendered preference, natural appearance analogs, color, intended function, and continued utility.

The names for quartz *tthee k'alde* (rock+white) and cooking stone *tthee k'une* (rock+fire) provides a likely model for toolstone names.

Toolstone terminology is likely reconstructed as Generic + Sign (rock+ color or activity signifier)

Following this, red chert might be reconstructed as *tthee t'el* (rock+red)

Metal terminology classification appears similar to İñupiaq, where the term for “iron” is also the basic term for “metal” although the roots do not reflect borrowing from the İñupiat (MacLean 2011). One root for gold is an English borrowing.

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