# LESSON 7 A NATIVE AMERICAN ALPHABET

[As you read each statement, point to and name the letters on each image.]

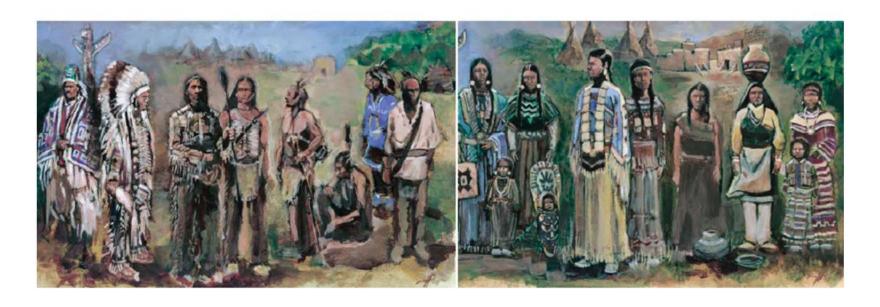
Long before you or me,

Native Americans were here, you see.

Many tribes in different places;

different names and different faces.

Remember, a tribe is a group of similar people who share common ancestors, customs, and laws.



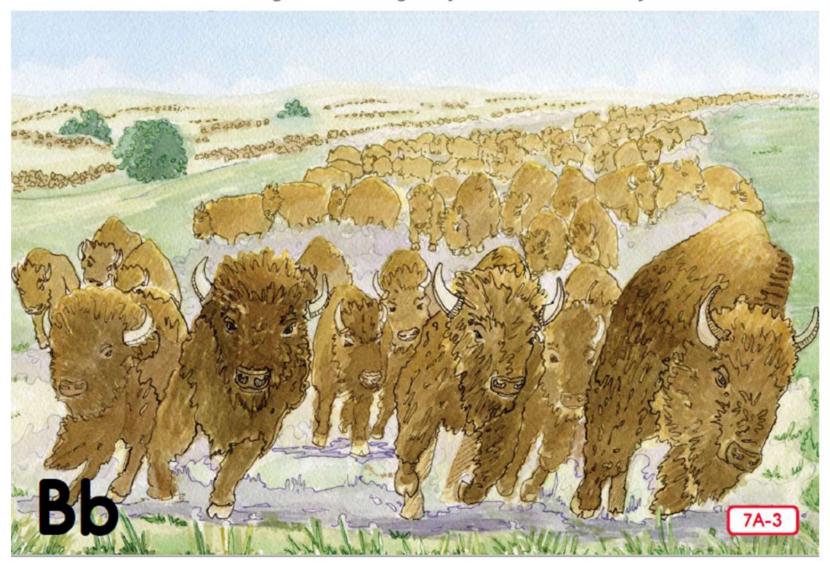
#### A is for Adobe bricks that made Pueblo houses

What tribe did I just name here? The Pueblo are a Native American tribe that lived in these houses made of stone and sun-dried bricks called adobe.



#### B is for Buffalo that galloped across the plains

Long ago, many buffalo roamed the Great Plains and were hunted for food and other things by different Native American tribes living in this vast grassy area of our country.



#### C is for Canoes that drifted on silent rivers

How did Native Americans travel on the water? They used a canoe—a long, narrow boat made from long, hollowed-out logs or the bark of trees.

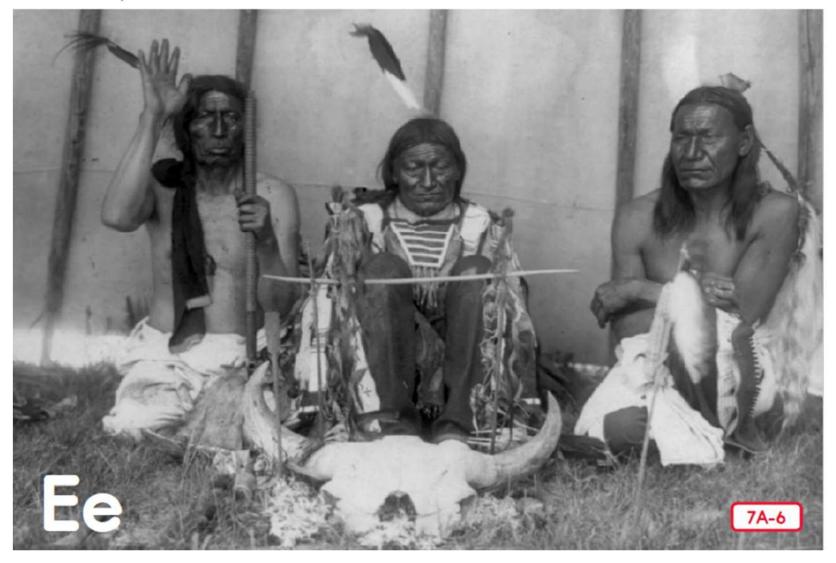


## D is for Drum songs sung long ago



#### E is for Elders who led their tribe in prayer

An elder is an older person who is a leader.



## F is for Feasts made up of clams and corn

Clams are a type of seafood.



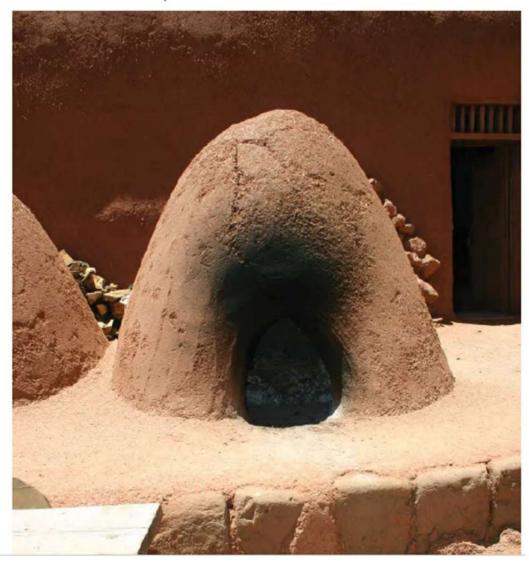
#### G is for Great tales told with totem poles

Totem poles were carved from logs by certain tribes to tell a story—like sculptures.



## H is for Hopi ovens that baked warm bread

What tribe did I just name here? Some Native American tribes cooked their food on an open fire like we saw earlier with the clams and corn. The Hopi tribe baked their bread in this kind of oven.



Hh

#### I is for an Iroquois runner on the trail

Native Americans traveled on foot, on horseback, or in canoes. This runner from the Iroquois tribe is very fast.



#### J is for Juniper berries used to dye tan blankets

Juniper berries grow on trees and were used to color blankets.



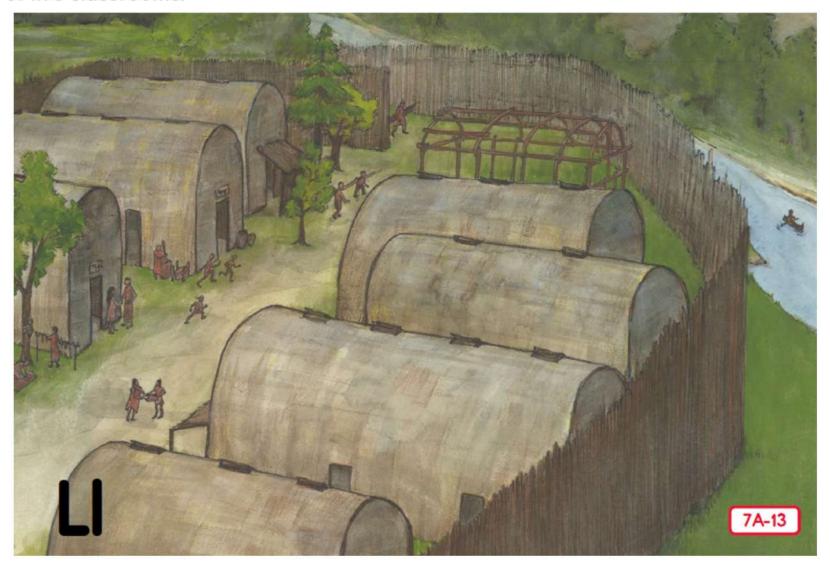
## K is for Kachina dancers who hoped for rain

Different tribes performed different dances and ceremonies to ask their gods to make things happen or to thank their gods.



## L is for Longhouses built of logs and bark

Several Iroquois families could live in each longhouse, which had little apartments in it and was about the size of five classrooms.



#### M is for Moccasins made of leather and beads

Moccasins are shoes worn by many Native American tribes. Some of them were decorated with beads and feathers to make them more colorful.



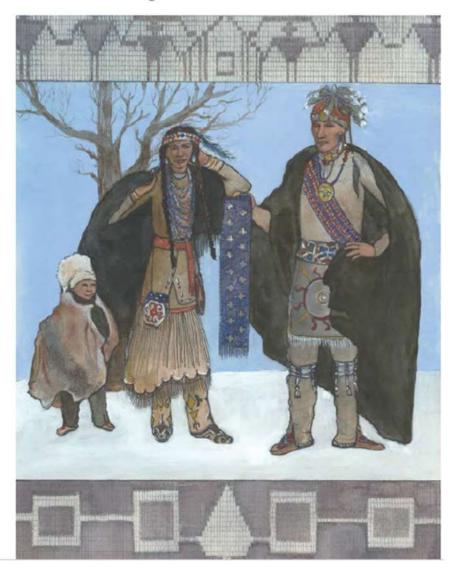
#### N is for Navajo who herded flocks of sheep

What tribe did I just name here?



### O is for Ornaments, which made clothing more beautiful

Native American tribes often decorated their clothing with beads.



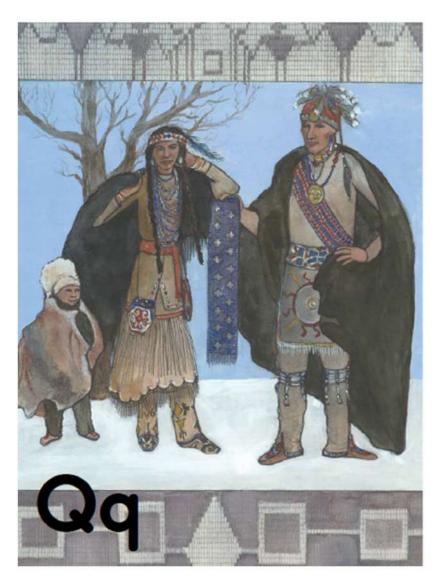
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#### P is for Powwows held now and then

In the past, when a group of Native Americans gathered for a meeting, it was called a powwow. Today, when Native Americans meet to dance, sing, and honor Native American culture, it may also be called a powwow.



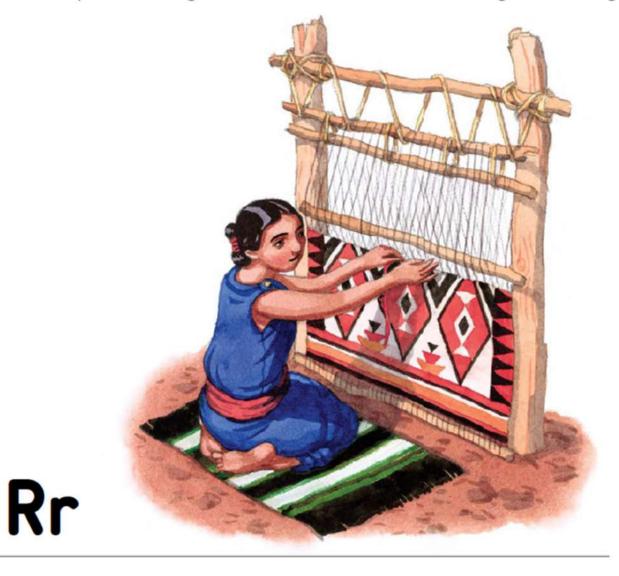
## Q is for Quills from porcupines used for weaving





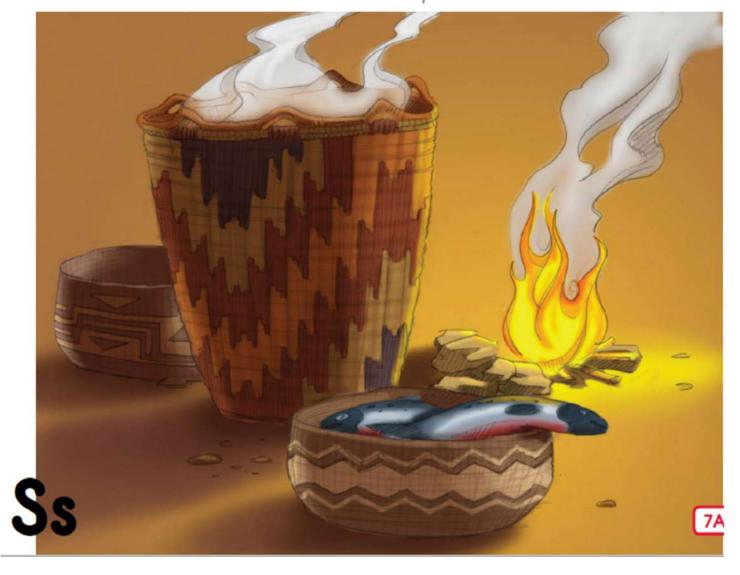
## R is for Rugs woven on a loom

A loom is the wooden frame, and the rugs would be woven on them using thick strings, such as wool.



#### S is for Salmon cooked in a woven basket

If these baskets were put directly over the fire they would burn. Instead, Native Americans dropped hot stones into a basket of water to make it boil and then put their food in the basket to cook.



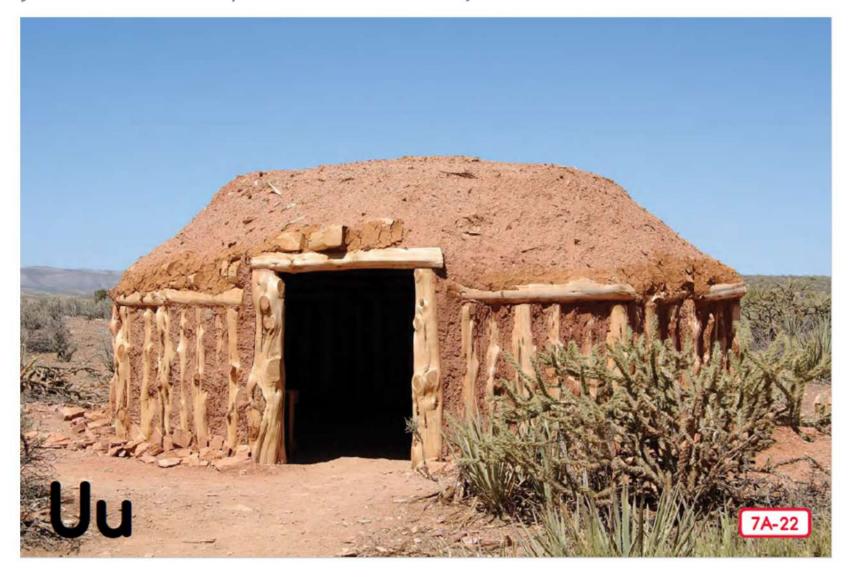
## T is for Tipis made with buffalo hides

The hides are the skins of the animal. Like pueblo houses and longhouses, tipis were homes for some Native Americans.



#### U is for Under. The Navajo slept under hogan roofs.

What do you think this is in the picture? What tribe did I just name here?



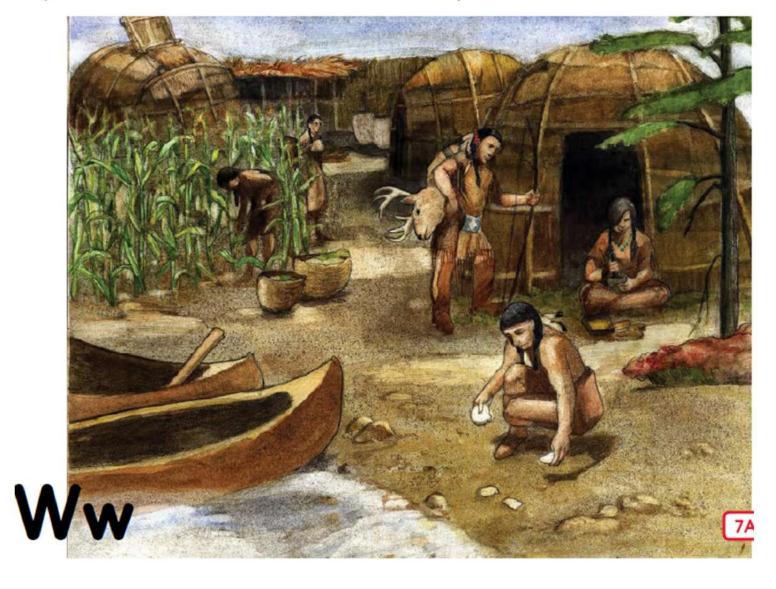
## V is for Venison stew made for Iroquois travelers

This man from the Iroquois tribe is eating venison—or deer meat—stew from his bowl.



## W is for Wampanoag wetus [/wee\*toos/] set near the coast

What tribe did I just name here? What are the boats in this picture called?

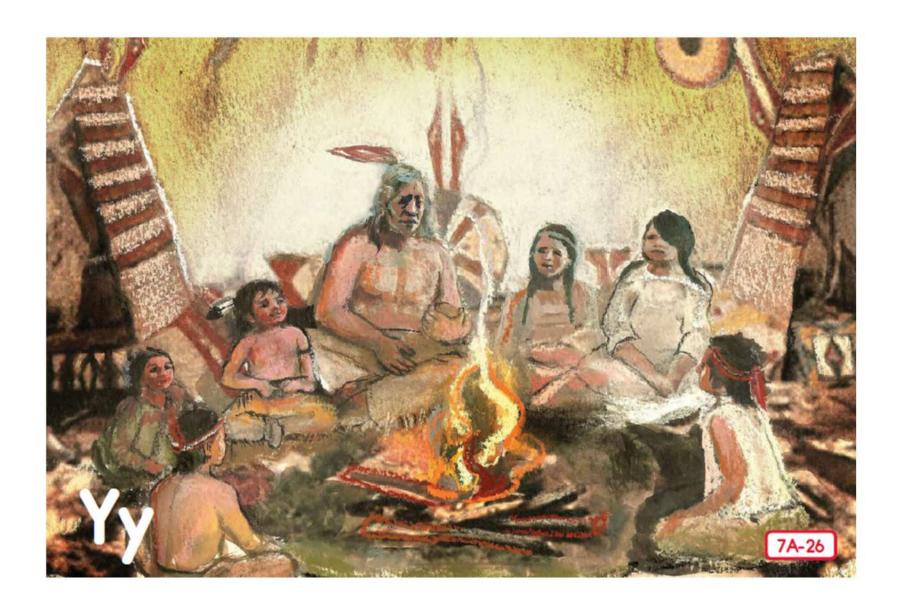


X is for Xs which decorated tribal dress





Y is for Young children who listened to stories

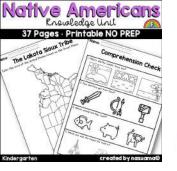


#### Z is for Zuni Pueblo who crafted water jars

What tribe did I just name here?

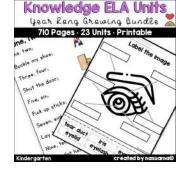


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# NATIVE AMERICANS

## BUNDLE



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## DO YOU NEED EXTRA ACTIVITIES?

