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There were many, many more tribes than just the Lakota Sioux, the Wampanoag, and the Lenape. What do you think happened to all those tribes? Where are they now? Are there any Native Americans living in the United States today?

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There are still Native Americans living in the United States today, and you will hear about some of them today.

Listen carefully to the read aloud to find out about Native Americans today.

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Anishinabe (ah-ni-shi-NO-bay), Mohawk, Goshute (GAH-shoot), Cree, Dakota, Choctaw, Hopi, Wea (WEE-uh), Iroquois, Micmac, Crow, Wampanoag, Cheyenne, Blackfeet, Sioux, Maidu. All these and many other Native American tribes spread out across the North American continent thousands of years ago. They are all still here today.

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Long ago, these Native Americans hunted, farmed, and fished for their food, shelter, and clothing. Rabbits, turkeys, and squirrels dotted the forests. Buffalo, elk, and deer roamed freely about the land.

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Fish, clams, and whales filled the oceans, rivers, and streams. From the open plains to the forested woodlands to the coastal waters, Native Americans taught themselves how to live in harmony or in agreement with nature.

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They were hunters and farmers and fishermen.

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Today some Native American tribes still hunt and farm and fish, but the North American continent looks vastly different now, and they no longer just live entirely off the land.

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Today many of the forests have disappeared. Highways have replaced the buffalo across the open plains. And many of the rivers and streams no longer have great numbers of fish swimming in them.

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So, how do the Native Americans live today?

- WHAT DO THEY eat?
- WHERE DO THEY SLEEP?
- WHAT DO THEY wear?
- WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Native Americans today still eat corn, squash, fish and meat just as they have always done. But they buy it in supermarkets.

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Native Americans today may use pueblos, tipis, wetus, and hogans some of the time, but most sleep in houses, apartments, and mobile homes as their main homes.

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Native Americans today no longer wear fringed leggings and deerskin moccasins. They wear jeans and sneakers and other clothing worn by other Americans.

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But many Native Americans still remember their tribal traditions of long ago. Traditions are customs, or ways of doing things, that are passed down from grandparents, to parents, to children.

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The Wampanoag have clambakes along the coast of Massachusetts today, just like the appanaug Bear, Gull, and Crow attended. The Lakota Sioux have elaborate ceremonies with dancing, drumming, and singing on the plains of North and South Dakota.

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The Lenape still pass down their stories to their children and grandchildren and still hold their traditional celebrations.

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Powwows, or gatherings of Native American tribes, are held all across the United States today. At these powwows, the people often dress in native clothes trimmed with beads, feathers, shells, and bones. It is there that Native Americans honor the past and tell family stories.

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Penobscot, Navajo, Cherokee, Taos, Rappanhannock, Tuscarora, Shinnecock, Kaw, Walla Walla, Umpqua, Zuni, Ute. These are just a few of the many, many Native American tribes living in the United States today. They were the first known people here, and for many years they were the only people here.

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Today they share their land with people from all over the world.

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Are there still Native Americans living in the United States today?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

How do Native Americans live today? What do they eat and wear? Where do they sleep?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

How do Native Americans keep their traditions alive today?

Think Pair. Share.



I'm going to ask you a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

Think Pair. Share.



Evaluative:

Do you think it is important for Native Americans to keep their traditions alive today? Why or why not?

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

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In the read aloud you heard, "But many Native Americans still remember their tribal **traditions** of long ago."

Say the word **traditions** with me.
Whisper traditions to the ceiling.
Whisper traditions to your neighbor.
Let's clap it out.

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Traditions are customs that are often passed down from one generation to another.

One of my favorite **traditions** is watching fireworks on the Fourth of July.

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Think of traditions you or your family may have or know about. Try to use the word traditions when you tell about it.

“My family traditions include...”

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What's the word we have been talking about?

Domain Review *Riddles for Core Content*

*We are shellfish found in Massachusetts
bays and eaten by Wampanoag Native
Americans for hundreds of years.
What are we?*

Domain Review *Riddles for Core Content*

*I am a dome-shaped hut made from
the bark of trees and used as shelter
by the Wampanoag Native Americans.
What am I?*

Domain Review *Riddles for Core Content*

*I am a tall, four legged, fast running
forest animal, hunted by Wampanoag
for food and clothing. What am I?*

Domain Review *Riddles for Core Content*

*I am another Native American tribe
that was located in the Eastern
Woodlands of North America. Who
am I? (The Lenape)*

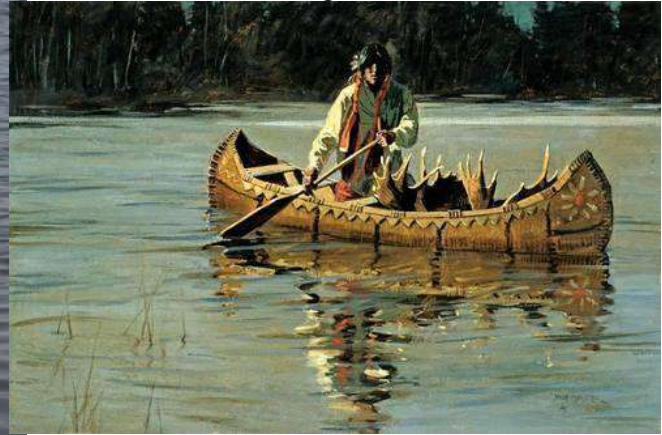
Domain Review *Riddles for Core Content*

*I am the type of shelter the Lenape
lived in. What am I?*
(wigwam)

Domain Review *Riddles for Core Content*

*We dress and eat and play just as you
do today, but many years ago our
people lived in wetus and tipis. Who
are we?*

Domain Review *Vocabulary*



Domain Review *Vocabulary*



Domain Review Vocabulary

shelter



Domain Review Vocabulary

warrior: someone who is brave during battle



Domain Review Vocabulary

chief: the chief was the most important and powerful person in the tribe



Domain Review Vocabulary

Powwow: It used to be a meeting for Native Americans, but now it is a celebration of Native American traditions.



Domain Review Vocabulary

Bay: A part of the coast where the land curves in so that the ocean is surrounded by land on three sides.



Domain Review *Vocabulary*



Domain Review Vocabulary



Domain Review Vocabulary

Wigwam or Wetu



Domain Review Vocabulary

Agile



Domain Review Vocabulary

Mischief



Domain Review Vocabulary

succulent



Domain Review Vocabulary

feast



Domain Review Vocabulary

traditions

