

Welcome!

Grade K, Domain 6

Native Americans: Tradition, Heritage, and the Land

In this unit, students will learn about many different tribes of Native Americans, who each had their own unique traditions and way of living.

What's the story?

Students will learn about different tribes of **Native Americans**, who each had their own **unique** way of **eating, dressing, and living**, depending on where they lived. They will also explore three tribes in depth: the **Lakota Sioux** of the Great Plains, and the **Wampanoag** and the **Lenape**, both of the Eastern Woodlands.

What will my student learn?

Students will learn how different geographical locations **influenced lifestyles** and that each Native American group has its own **distinct culture**. They will read about how Native Americans today **keep alive** some of the **traditions** and practices of their ancestors.

In writing, students will use graphic organizers to **compare and contrast** the three tribes they will learn about. They will also use details to **describe key concepts** and identify characteristics of the different tribes.

Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. What three things do all people need to live? (food, clothing, shelter)
Follow up: How did Native Americans of long ago get their food? What kind of houses did they live in? What did they use to make their clothes?
2. You read about Mapiya and her family, who were a part of the Lakota Sioux tribe. Can you tell me what a day in her life was like?
Follow up: Let's talk about how a day in her life was the same or different from a day in your life.
3. You learned that the Lenape tribe lived their life according to the seasons. What did they do during the springtime?
Follow up: Summer? Fall? Winter? What season do you think you would have liked the best?
4. Tell me (or draw) something you are learning about the Lakota Sioux tribe. What about the Wampanoag tribe? What about the Lenape tribe?
Follow up: What were some of the things that were the same about all three tribes? What were some of the things that were different about them?

5. What does the word *traditions* mean?

Follow up: What are some of the traditions our family has? What are some of the traditions that Native Americans keep alive today?