

Whose Land Do You Live On?

Week 18 • Thursday • Native Nations Near You

Reading Time

Here is something amazing: wherever you live in North America, a Native nation lived there first — maybe for thousands of years! The rivers near your home had names in their languages. The trails they walked may have become your roads.

Many places still carry Native names today. Whole states do — like **Ohio**, **Michigan**, and **Texas**! Rivers like the Mississippi and cities like Chicago and Seattle have Native names too.

And here is the most important part: those nations are not just history — they are still here today, with communities all across the country. Today you will discover which nations lived — and still live — near YOU.

Reading Questions

1. Who lived on the land near your home first?

2. Name two states with Native names.

3. What is the most important part to remember about Native nations?

Discover Your Local Nations

With a grown-up's help, find out which Native nations lived in your area. You can search online for 'whose land am I on' or visit a library.

Then fill in your discoveries below!

Question	My discovery
A nation that lived in my area	
A river, town, or state near me with a Native name	
One thing I learned about that nation	
Are they still a community today?	

Think About It

1. How does it feel to know your home has such a long history — long before your house was built?

Fill in the Blanks

nations

names

thousands

today

rivers

1. Native _____ lived on this land first.

2. Many places still carry Native _____.

3. Nations lived here for _____ of years.

4. Native nations are still here _____.

5. Trails and _____ had names in Native languages.

Draw Your Land, Long Ago

Draw what the land where your home stands might have looked like 500 years ago — before any modern buildings. Forest? Plains? Who lived there?



Review

I learned...	Circle one
Which nation lived near my home	YES / NOT YET
Places near me with Native names	YES / NOT YET
That Native nations are still here today	YES / NOT YET