

Native History Scavenger Hunt

Week 22 • Wednesday • Hands-On: Find the Living History Around You

Reading Time

Native American history is hiding in plain sight all around you — you just have to know where to look!

It's in place names: about half of all U.S. states have names from Native languages. It's in your kitchen: corn, potatoes, chocolate, and popcorn are Native first foods. It's in your gear: canoes, kayaks, snowshoes, moccasins, and hammocks are all Native inventions.

It's even in our government: some historians say the Haudenosaunee Confederacy — nations working together under a Great Law of Peace — helped inspire ideas about American democracy. Today you become a history detective and find the living history all around YOU!

Reading Questions

1. About how many states have names from Native languages?

2. Name two Native inventions people still use.

3. What was the Haudenosaunee Confederacy?

Hands-On: The Great Scavenger Hunt

With a grown-up, hunt around your home, neighborhood, and a map. Check off each treasure you find and write it down!

Find...	What I found
A state, river, or town with a Native name	
A Native first food in your kitchen	
A Native invention in your home (or a picture of one)	
A word that came from a Native language (like moose, raccoon, kayak)	
A book, show, or coin featuring a Native person	

After the Hunt

1. Which discovery surprised you the most? Why?

2. How many treasures did you find in your own home?

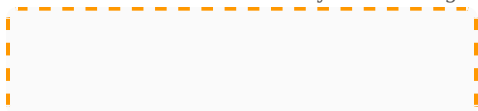
True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ About half the states have Native-language names.
- ☐ Kayaks and hammocks are Native inventions.
- ☐ The words moose and raccoon come from Native languages.
- ☐ Native history is only found in museums.
- ☐ The Haudenosaunee nations worked together in peace.
- ☐ Living history can be found in your own kitchen.

Draw Your Best Find

Draw the best treasure from your scavenger hunt and label it.



Review

I did it!	Circle one
I found a Native place name	YES / NOT YET
I found a first food or invention	YES / NOT YET
I completed the scavenger hunt	YES / NOT YET