

Native Americans Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 Native American fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Native American questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Native American questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 18 Native American fact cards around your classroom where students will be able



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Fact Card

1



The first North Americans are called Paleo-Indians. They came over from Asia on a land bridge likely

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2



Many people in places like Puerto Rico had Taíno family long ago. The Taíno lived in the



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Americans

3



The Haudenosaunee are a group of northeastern nations. Stories say that Hiawatha and the Peacemaker brought the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca together. The Tuscarora joined later.

Americans

4



Shoshone tribes live in many states, including Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. Sacagawea, who helped Lewis and Clark explore, came from a northern Shoshone tribe.



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About 9.7 million people are at least part Native American. California (pictured) has the largest

number (around 760,000). Alaska

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6



Charles Curtis was a member of the Kaw Nation on his mother's side. He was the first confirmed Native American congressman



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Americans

7



At about 315,000, the Navajo Nation has the most people who are fully Native American. The Navajo Nation also has the largest reservation, or land. It's bigger than 10 states!

Americans

8



The Ojibwe, or Chippewa, live near the Great Lakes. The U.S. wanted to move them far out west. Chief Buffalo helped his people stay put.



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Although the number changes, the U.S. government recognizes a bit fewer than 400 Native

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10



Geronimo was an Apache leader. He is famous for defending his people's land from Mexico and the U.S. The U.S. still recognizes



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Americans

11



Sitting Bull was a Lakota leader who fought for his people until death. The seven nations of the Lakota, Eastern

Dakota, and Western Dakota make up the Great Sioux Nation.

Americans

12



Native housing fit many needs. Traveling Plains peoples used

easy-to-carry tipis. Northern nations built strong, snow-proof plank- or longhouses. Peoples living in desert-like areas often built with clay or cut into cliffs.



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13



Native Hawaiians have a very different background than other U.S. native peoples.

Polynesians were the first to live

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14



Many Native Americans grew squash, beans, and corn (called maize). Squash covered the ground while

beans grew up the corn stalks.



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Americans

15



Jim Thorpe played football, basketball, baseball, and did track and field. In 1912, he became

the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal. He won two.

Americans

16



More people say they are at least part Cherokee than any other Native American nation—about 1.5 million. However, the U.S. government recognizes only three tribes.



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“Native American and Alaska Native” is a common phrase. That’s because far northers

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The U.S. recognized Native American Heritage Month in 1990



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Name: _____

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Fact Card 1: What are the earliest people who lived in North America called?

Fact Card 2: Who were the first natives Columbus met in the Americas?

Fact Card 3: What were the five original Haudenosaunee tribes?



Fact Card 6: Who was the first—and only—Native American to be vice president?

Fact Card 7: The largest reservation belongs to the...

Fact Card 8: Who is famous for keeping the Ojibwe from being moved out west?

Fact Card 9: About how many U.S. Native American tribes or nations are there in all?

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Fact Card 10: How many Apache tribes does the U.S. recognize today?

Fact Card 11: The Lakota are one of three groups of seven total nations that make up...

Fact Card 12: What type of home was common in the Great Plains? Why?



Fact Card 15: How many Olympic gold medals did James Thorpe win?

Fact Card 16: How many Cherokee tribes are recognized by the U.S. government?

Fact Card 17: Name three of the many different Alaska Native groups.

Fact Card 18: When was Native American Heritage Month first recognized?

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Paleo-Indians

Fact Card 2: Who were the first natives Columbus met in the Americas?

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Chief Buffalo

Fact Card 9: About how many U.S. Native American tribes or nations are there in all?

1,000

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Fact Card 18: When was Native American Heritage Month first recognized?

1990