

The First Peoples of New York

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Learning Adventure Essential Questions

4th grade:

How did the Europeans' arrival bring change, or division, among the first peoples?

How did the strengths of the Native Americans help them as Europeans arrived?

How has the "first peoples" culture survived over the ages?

7th grade:

How did the first peoples in New York adapt to their environment and develop unique cultures?

How did Europeans have a profound impact on Native Americans in New York?

How did Native Americans in New York develop ways to organize and govern?

How did the French and Indian War possibly affect the Revolutionary War? (Alliances, outcomes, and more)

Guiding questions to help metacognitive modeling and understanding:

How did Native Americans first come to New York?

What unique groups of Native Americans developed cultures in New York?

How did geography and climate affect the way they used their environment?

How did the Iroquois Confederacy practice democratic ideas?

What do specific aspects of Iroquois and Algonquian culture reveal about their daily lives?

What did Native Americans value and respect?

Why was the clan system important?

How did the Fur Wars turn Native Americans against each other?

Why were women important in the cultures of the first peoples?

How did the beliefs of the Europeans about Native Americans cause problems?

What conflicts involved alliances between Native Americans and Europeans?

How did Native Americans get and use power?

How does Native American culture live on in New York?

What could we learn from the cultures of New York's first peoples that would benefit all New Yorkers?

Available Graphic Organizer Assessments tools:

- Reading and Analyzing Nonfiction (RAN)
- Find Support for the Main Idea
- Thinking about Evidence
- Supporting a Claim with Textual Evidence
- Identifying Main Ideas and Details
- Supporting Details
- Main Idea, Support, and Summary
- Summarizing the Main Ideas
- Drawing Conclusions from Information
- Cause-Effect-Why Chart
- Two Views: Two Sides to the Story
- Dilemmas and Decisions
- Multiple Causes and Multiple Effects
- VIPs: Very Important Points and People
- In Your Own Words
- Evidence-Based Claim Evaluation (EBC)
- Writing with Evidence Rubric

Available blackline masters:

- Word Sort
- Map of New York
- Event Cards
- Date Cards
- People to Know
- Map of United States
- Event Strips