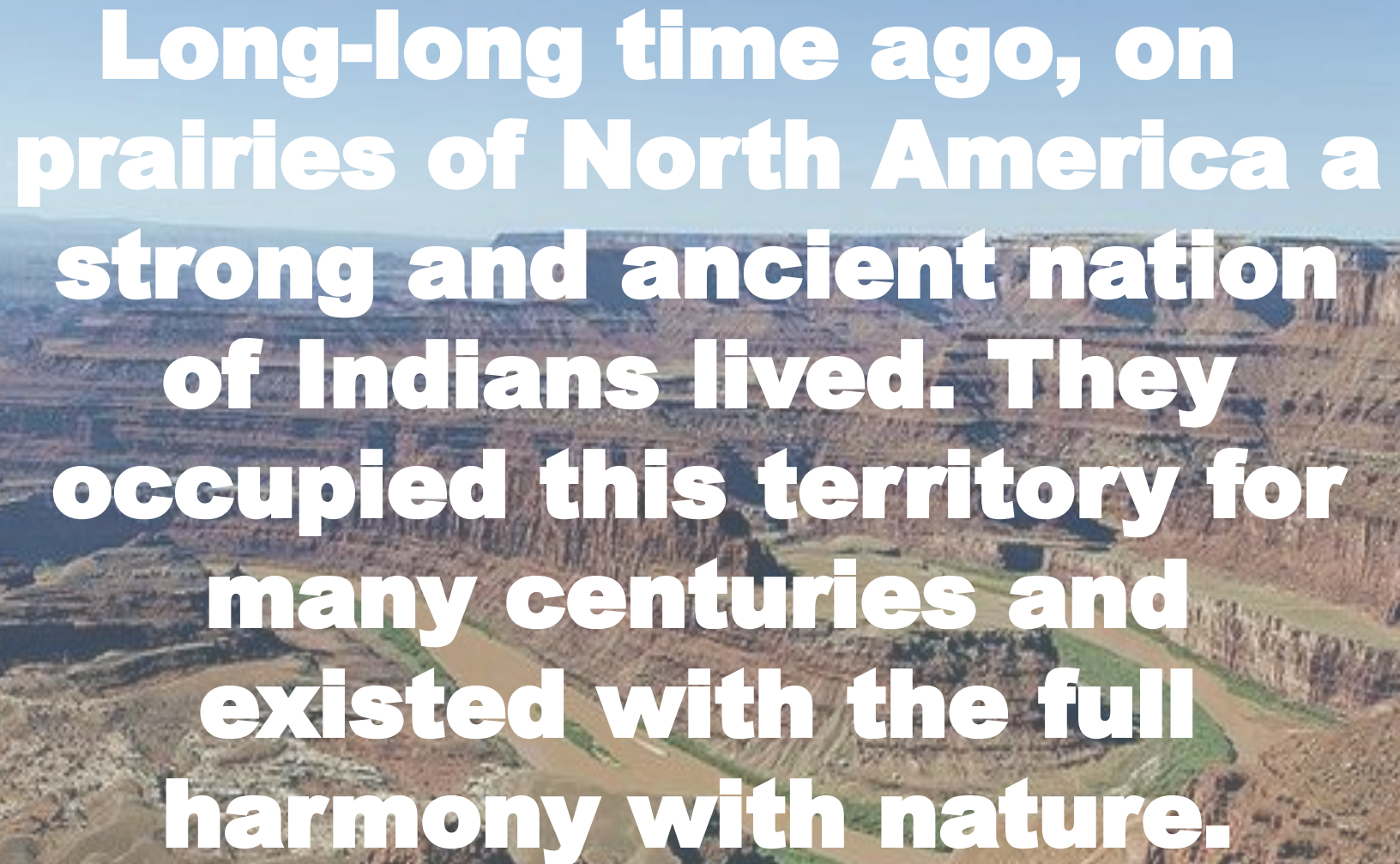


American Tribes in the USA

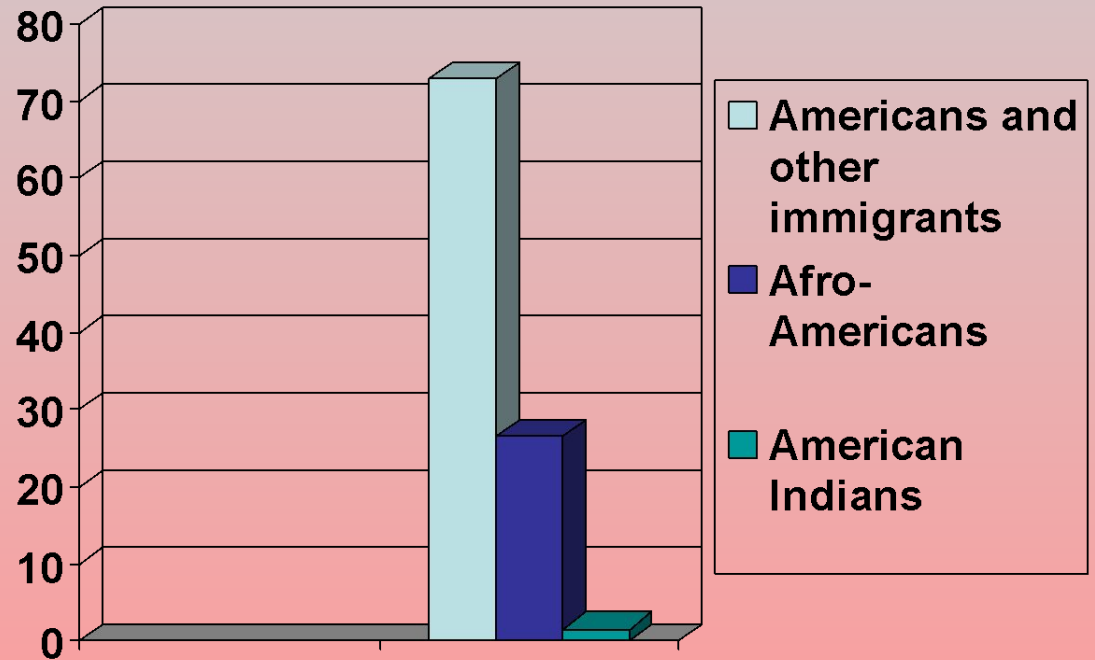
Their life, culture, religion and language





Long-long time ago, on prairies of North America a strong and ancient nation of Indians lived. They occupied this territory for many centuries and existed with the full harmony with nature.

Population of America

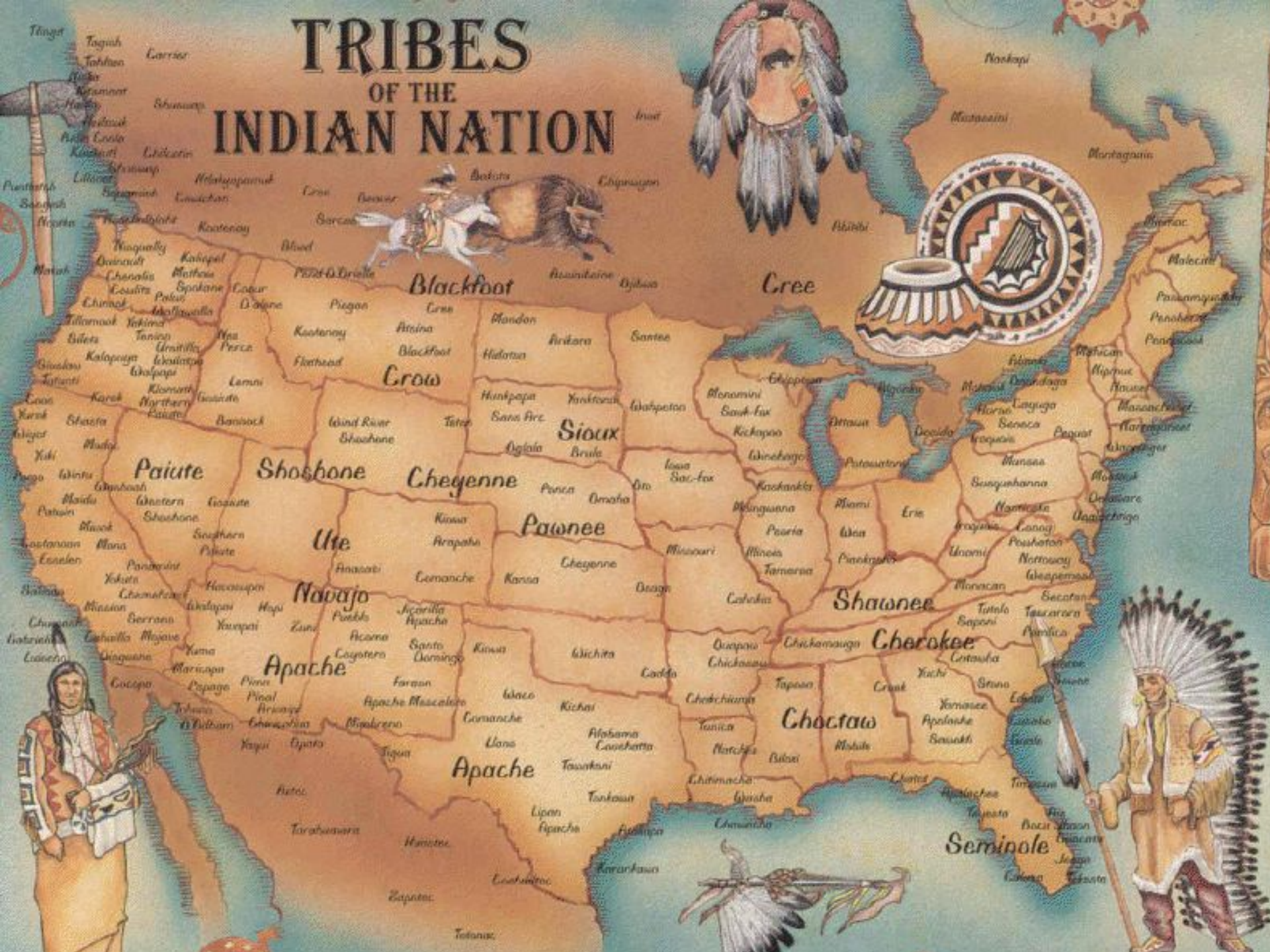




Now about 1/3 of the native Americans live in reservations, the land that was given them by the government in the 19th century.



TRIBES OF THE INDIAN NATION



Blackfoot

Cree

Crow

Sioux

Paiute

Shoshone

Cheyenne

Pawnee

Ute

Navajo

Apache

Shawnee

Cherokee

Choctaw

Seminole

Apache

What do you know about American Indians?

Cherokee

The Cherokee were considered one of the most “civilized” Indian tribes of North America. They had their own government, laws, courts and schools. A Cherokee Indian named Sequoia invented a written language called “Talking Leaves”. It had 86 characters. Within a few years all of Cherokee could read and write it.



Sequoia from Cherokee Tribe

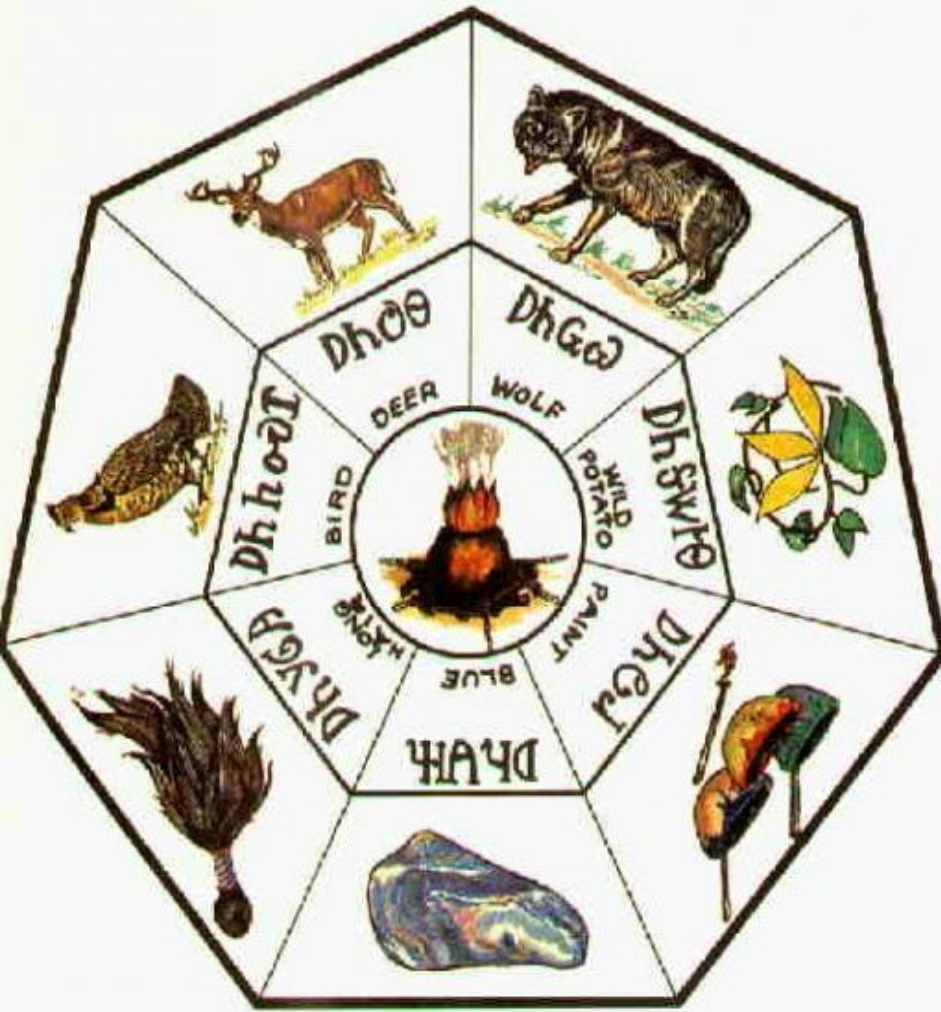


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Некоторые фразы на языке чероки с транскрипцией.

Привет, как дела? [сийО тохИджу]

Хорошо, а у тебя? [ооста нихина]

Куда ты идёшь? [хатлахЭга]

Я иду в город. [гадУхаи гег]

Что это? [гадО уисди хиа]

Что ты делаешь? [гадО хадаа нэха]

Как тебя зовут? [гадО дэдЖЯ дова]

Меня зовут Кен Мастерс. [Кен Мастерс даа кваадО]

Ты говоришь на чероки? [джялагИс хивонИсги]

Да, я хорошо говорю на чероки. [аа, ооста, джялагИ
дживонИсги]

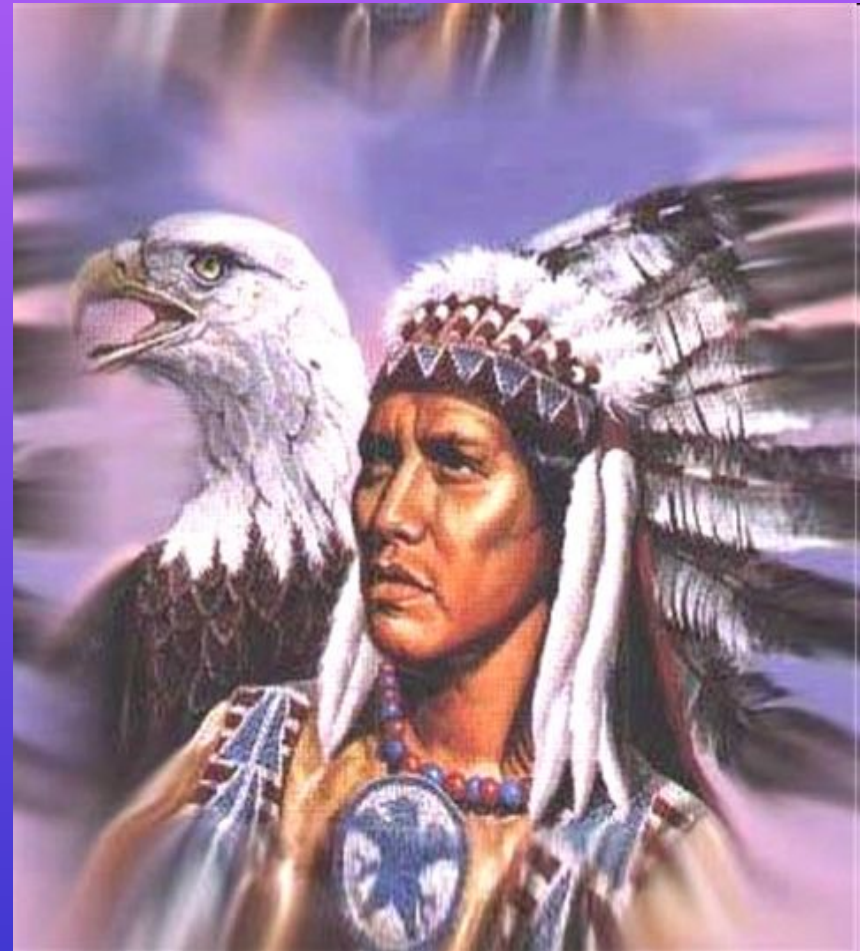
Который час? [халЯ атлигили]

Сейчас девять часов. [сонтиЭЭль атлигили]

Я хочу немного воды. [ама акуадуили]

Я не понимаю. [тла иголиига]

Спасибо. [вадОу]





Comanche

The Comanche were fierce warriors. They were the first people on the Plains to use horses in their travels and conquests.



Iroquois

The Iroquois were the fierce warriors too. But they were famous for their hospitality. Strangers were welcome and food was always provided. When visiting the Iroquois home one was expected to taste the food offered and to say “Hi-ne-a-wah” – Thank you. Visitors were given food, clothing and place to sleep.





Delaware

The Delaware were among the first Indians to come in contact with the Europeans, as early as 1600. They were considered as “grandfather tribe” whose power and wisdom served to settle disputes among rival tribes.

Traditions of American tribes

The most known tradition at Native Americans is a hunting cult. We can imagine pictures of hunting for bisons. There are many religious beliefs, and ritual ceremonies before the hunting beginning. For example ceremony of "Sun dancing", underlining bravery, courage and force of men-hunters.





"Sun Dance"

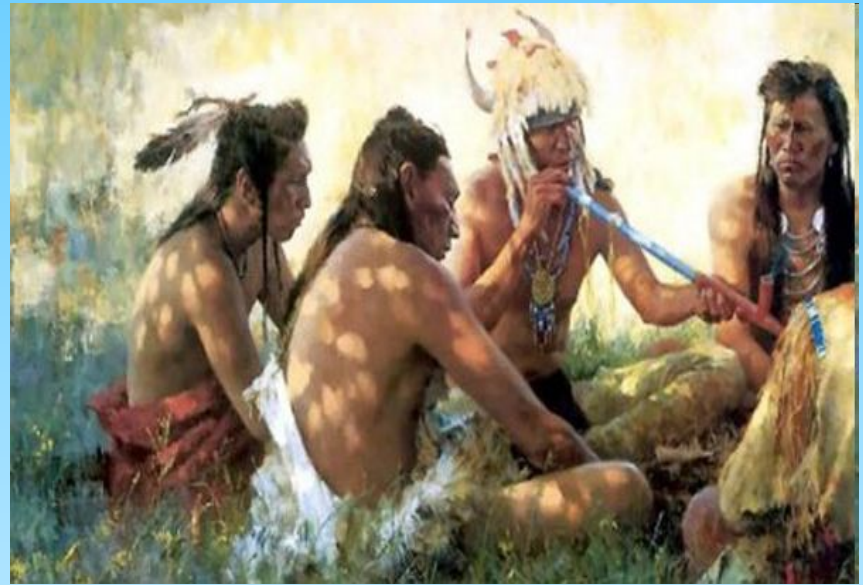


Farming

Native Americans were good farmers too. Central America is considered to be the native land of the corn. Indians prepared from corn more than 200 (!!!) dishes and grew up more its ten various kinds. Christopher Columbus has seen corn for the first time on island of Cuba and he has left notice in the diary – «I saw here a plant named a maize and used in food».



The pipe of peace is one of the most important subjects of culture of the American Indians. It symbolizes the union of the nature and spirit, the sky and the earth, the person and god. Its smoking could mean the end of war, enmity (if it is decorated by white feathers), together with the war beginning (if it is decorated by red feathers). Besides it the pipe of peace was a hospitality symbol.



Dream Catcher

“Dream Catcher” is an American Indian talisman, which protects sleeping person from evil ghosts. Bad dreams get confused in a web, and good dreams slip through in the middle.

Легенда гласит о том, что одного шамана индейского племени посетило необычное видение. К нему явился учитель мудрости в образе паука. Они долго беседовали, и во время этого разговора паук согнул ветвь ивы в круг и, украсив его пером стал плести вокруг кольца паутины.

Паук поведал о том, что в каждый момент жизни человеком владеют страсти. Если они добрые – то направляют его по верному пути, а если они злые – человек идёт по ложному пути. Паутина – это идеальный круг, но в самом центре есть отверстие. Она поможет поймать добрые мысли и достичь верной цели, а злые мысли уйдут прочь.



Moccasins is a traditional American Indian footwear made of a skin of buffalos. This footwear was decorated by beads. Today the American Indian footwear has lost the exclusive ethnic character and has become a really footwear for the whole world, both for men and for women.



Check up yourself

1. **Where did the Native Americans come from?**
2. **What is the native population of America?**
3. **Where do the most of the Native Americans live now?**
4. **What Indian tribes do you remember?**
5. **What was the name of a man who has invented a written language for American Indians?**
6. **What ritual ceremony does take place before the hunting beginning?**
7. **When did American Indians smoke a pipe?**
8. **What is a “Dream Catcher”?**
9. **What useful things were left to us by Indians?**



The most important thing American
Indians taught all nations is
THE LOVE TO NATURE
AND TO FREEDOM

