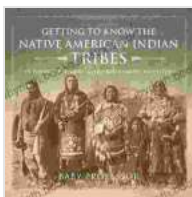


# Getting to Know the Native American Indian Tribes: A History for Kids

Before European settlers arrived in North America, the land was home to millions of Native Americans. These people belonged to hundreds of different tribes, each with its own unique culture, language, and way of life. Native Americans had a profound impact on the development of the United States, and their legacy continues to shape our country today.



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## The First Americans

The first Native Americans arrived in North America from Asia about 15,000 years ago. They crossed a land bridge that connected Asia to North America during the last ice age. Over time, these people spread throughout the continent, adapting to the different climates and environments they encountered.

By the time European settlers arrived in the 1500s, there were an estimated 500 different Native American tribes living in North America.

These tribes spoke over 300 different languages and had a wide range of cultures and traditions.

## **Native American Cultures**

Native American cultures were as diverse as the tribes themselves. Some tribes were nomadic, following the herds of buffalo across the Great Plains. Others were farmers, growing corn, beans, and squash in the fertile valleys of the Mississippi River and the Southwest. Still others were fishermen, living along the coasts and rivers of the continent.

Despite their differences, all Native American tribes shared some common beliefs and values. They believed in the importance of family and community, and they had a deep respect for the natural world. They also had a strong spiritual tradition, believing in the power of spirits and the importance of rituals and ceremonies.

## **Native American Contributions**

Native Americans made many important contributions to American history. They taught European settlers how to grow corn, beans, and squash, which became staple crops in the New World. They also taught them how to hunt, fish, and trap, and they showed them how to use the natural resources of the land.

Native Americans also played a vital role in the American Revolution. They fought alongside the colonists against the British, and they helped to secure the independence of the United States.

## **The Legacy of Native Americans**

The legacy of Native Americans continues to shape the United States today. Their cultures, traditions, and beliefs have influenced American art, music, literature, and cuisine. And their contributions to American history are still celebrated today.

However, Native Americans have also faced many challenges throughout their history. They have been forced to give up their land, their languages, and their way of life. Today, many Native Americans live on reservations, and they continue to face poverty, discrimination, and other challenges.

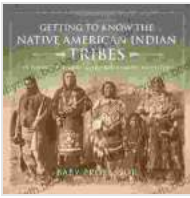
The Native American Indian tribes are a vital part of American history. Their cultures, traditions, and contributions have shaped the United States in many ways. Today, Native Americans continue to face challenges, but they are also working to preserve their cultures and traditions and to improve their lives.

We can all learn from the Native Americans. They have a deep respect for the natural world, and they have a strong sense of community. They have also shown great resilience in the face of adversity.

Let us all work together to build a better future for Native Americans and for all Americans.

### **Additional Resources**

- [History.com: Native Americans](#)
- [National Geographic: Native Americans](#)
- [Smithsonian Magazine: Native American History](#)



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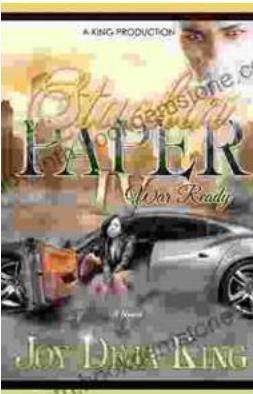
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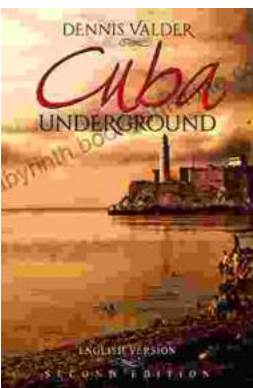
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