

First People Here

Read how Native Americans were North America's first inhabitants.

SS.2.A.2.1 "Recognize that Native Americans were the first inhabitants in North America."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each sentence that tells who lived in North America before Europeans. Circle the words that tell when they lived there.

The First Inhabitants

- ① Long before European explorers crossed the Atlantic Ocean, Native Americans lived in North America. They were the first people to make homes there. Different groups lived in many places, including forests, plains, deserts, and along coasts.
- ② Native American groups knew the land around them. Some hunted, fished, or gathered plants for food. Others grew crops such as corn, beans, and squash. They built homes from materials nearby and made tools for daily work.
- ③ Many Native American nations had their own languages, traditions, and ways of living. They lived in North America for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Native Americans are still here today, and their communities continue to share cultures and histories.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

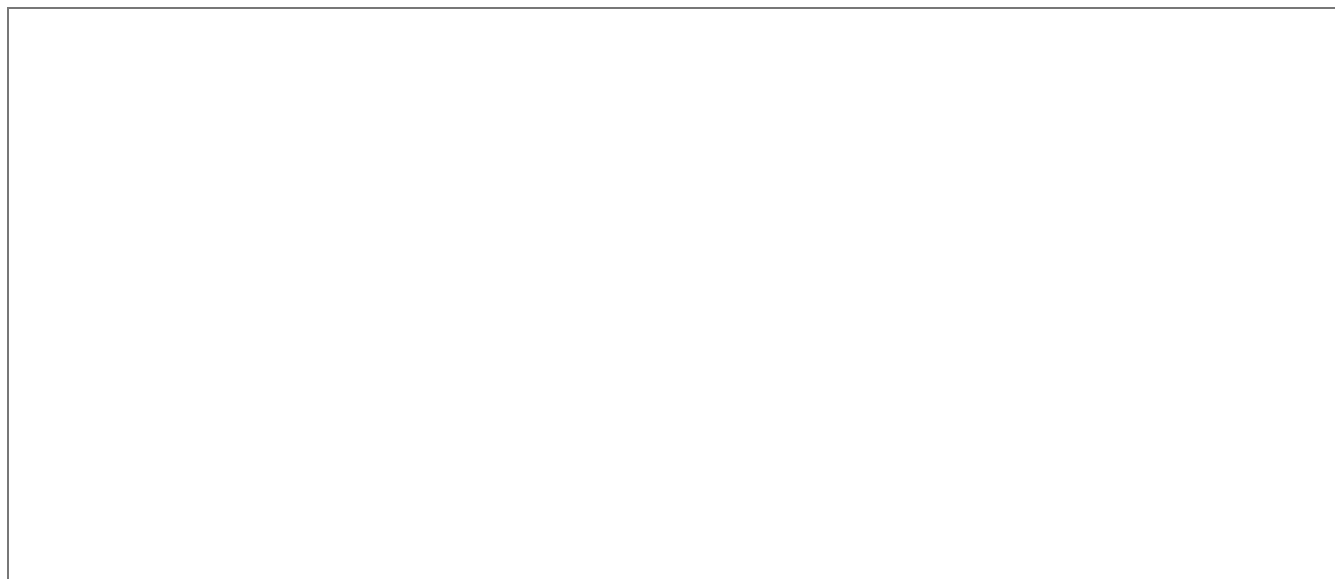
1 Who were the first people to make homes in North America?

2 Did Native Americans live in North America before or after Europeans arrived?

3 What does the passage say about Native Americans today?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Draw a North American community long ago. Include two details that show how Native Americans lived, then write a caption that tells they were the first inhabitants of North America.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each sentence that tells who lived in North America before Europeans. Circle the words that tell when they lived there. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who were the first people to make homes in North America?	Native Americans were the first people to make homes in North America.
2	Did Native Americans live in North America before or after Europeans arrived?	Native Americans lived in North America before Europeans arrived.
3	What does the passage say about Native Americans today?	Native Americans are still here today, and their communities continue to share cultures and histories.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing: A Native American community beside a river, with people fishing and growing corn. Caption: Native Americans were the first inhabitants of North America.

Accept drawings that show Native Americans in North America long ago and include two accurate passage-based details, such as fishing, gathering plants, growing crops, building homes, or making tools. The caption should state that Native Americans were the first inhabitants of North America.