

A People Takes Shape

Trace how migration helped form the Seminole people.

SS.4.A.3.8 "Explain how the Seminole tribe formed and the purpose for their migration."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that explain how the Seminoles formed. Circle details that explain why people moved to Florida.

Migration to Florida

- ① During the 1700s, groups of Creek people left their towns in Georgia and Alabama and moved into Florida. Some were looking for new hunting grounds and farmland. Others wanted to get away from fighting and pressure as European settlers took more land. Florida had fewer European settlements in many areas, so the newcomers could build villages there.
- ② In Florida, the Creek newcomers joined Native people already living there. People from several Creek communities and other Native American groups shared land, traded, and protected their villages. Some escaped Africans built nearby communities and formed important alliances with Seminoles. Over time, the connected Native communities developed a new culture and identity. They became known as Seminoles.
- ③ Migration was not a single trip. Families and communities arrived in Florida at different times. They hoped to find space to grow crops, hunt, and live more safely. As they settled in Florida, they adapted to its forests and wetlands. Their shared experiences helped them become a people separate from the Creek communities farther north.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Who were the main people who moved into Florida, and where had they lived?

2 Give two reasons Creek people moved to Florida.

3 How did different Native communities help form the Seminole people?

4 How did migration help the Seminoles become separate from Creek communities farther north?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine two communities move to the same safe valley. Write exactly three sentences for a museum label. Explain why they moved, how they worked together, and how they became a new community.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that explain how the Seminoles formed. Circle details that explain why people moved to Florida. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who were the main people who moved into Florida, and where had they lived?	The main migrants were Creek people from towns in Georgia and Alabama.
2	Give two reasons Creek people moved to Florida.	They wanted new hunting grounds or farmland, and they wanted to escape fighting and pressure as European settlers took land.
3	How did different Native communities help form the Seminole people?	Creek communities joined Native people already in Florida and other Native American groups. They shared land, traded, protected villages, and developed a new culture and identity.
4	How did migration help the Seminoles become separate from Creek communities farther north?	Families and communities settled in Florida over time, adapted to Florida's forests and wetlands, and shared experiences that helped them form a separate people.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The River People moved to the valley because fighting had made their old homes unsafe. They joined the Hill People and shared fields, food, and ways to protect their homes. Over time, the two groups formed the Valley Community, with its own identity.

Accept answers that identify Creek migration into Florida, reasons such as land, safety, or less European pressure, and the joining of several communities. For the open task, accept any logical three-sentence fictional example that includes all three requested ideas.