

Nations, Land, Culture

Read how Tribal Nations govern and protect what matters.

2.5.d “understanding tribal sovereignty, and the importance of land, history, and culture.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence that tells what tribal sovereignty means. Circle two details that show why land, history, or culture is important.

Tribal Nations

- ① Tribal nations are governments. Tribal sovereignty means a Tribal Nation has the right to govern itself. A tribal government can make rules for its community, choose leaders in its own way, and provide services such as schools or public safety.
- ② Land is important to many Tribal Nations. It can hold places where families gathered, grew food, prayed, or held ceremonies. Land also connects people to ancestors, who are family members from long ago, and to stories passed from one generation to the next.
- ③ Culture includes a people's language, music, art, food, beliefs, and ways of living. Tribal Nations work to keep cultures strong by teaching children, caring for important places, and sharing traditions. Learning respectfully helps us understand that each Tribal Nation has its own culture and history.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does tribal sovereignty allow a Tribal Nation to do? Name two things.

2 How can land connect people to their history? Give two details from the passage.

3 Why is it important to learn respectfully about Tribal Nations?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about how you can learn respectfully about a Tribal Nation. Tell why it matters to remember that Tribal Nations are not all the same.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence that tells what tribal sovereignty means. Circle two details that show why land, history, or culture is important. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does tribal sovereignty allow a Tribal Nation to do? Name two things.	It allows a Tribal Nation to govern itself, such as making rules, choosing leaders, or providing services.
2	How can land connect people to their history? Give two details from the passage.	Land can connect people to ancestors and to stories passed from one generation to the next. It can also hold places where families gathered, grew food, prayed, or held ceremonies.
3	Why is it important to learn respectfully about Tribal Nations?	It helps us understand that each Tribal Nation has its own culture and history.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I can learn from books and Tribal Nation websites that share accurate information. I will remember that each Tribal Nation has its own history and culture, so I will not assume they are all the same.

Accept responses that explain tribal sovereignty as self-government and identify passage details about the importance of land, history, or culture. For the open response, accept two respectful, specific sentences that recognize that Tribal Nations have distinct cultures and histories.