

## Native North Americans: The First Settlers

0 Native Americans were the first people to live in what is now the  
 13 U.S. They were here thousands of years before Europeans came. The  
 24 Native Americans lived in groups. The groups were Native Nations. Each  
 35 group lived in its own way. Each nation had its own language. Each  
 48 had its own culture. Each nation had its own traditions. Many Native  
 60 Americans believed that land was sacred. It was like air or water. They  
 73 took care of their land. But, they did not think that land could be owned.

88 In the early 1600s, life changed for Native Americans. European  
 98 settlers came to North America. They began claiming land as their own.  
 110 They took any land that they wanted. Many Native American leaders  
 121 tried to protect their lands. They fought against the settlers. Other Native  
 133 American leaders tried to save their land by making treaties with the  
 145 Europeans. Some Native Americans helped the settlers.

152 By the late 1700s, life was very difficult for the Native Americans.  
 164 The settlers brought guns, alcohol, and disease to the native lands. Many  
 176 Native Americans died as a result. Others lost their land. They were  
 188 forced to live on reservations.

193 In spite of these problems, many Native Americans did not give  
 204 up. They took pride in their culture. Many kept up their traditional ways.  
 217 They continued to have hope.

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