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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

Native American people are the first people who lived in North America. Long ago, many different tribes lived across the land. Each tribe had its own language, traditions, and way of life.

Some tribes lived in forests and built longhouses. Others lived on the Great Plains and used teepees that could be moved easily. In the Southwest, many tribes built homes from adobe, a material made from mud and straw.

Native Americans respected nature. They hunted animals, gathered plants, and grew crops such as corn, beans, and squash. They also shared stories to teach lessons and preserve their history.

Today, Native American communities continue to celebrate their cultures through art, music, dance, language, and special traditions. Their heritage is an important part of the history of North America.

Answer in complete sentences.

1.) Why did different tribes have different ways of life?

2.) How did Native Americans use nature to help them live?

3.) What is one way Native American heritage is celebrated today?

4.) What kind of home was common in the forests?

5.) Why are Native American stories important?
