

# Native American's Heritage and Contributions to Our Society.

# Introduction

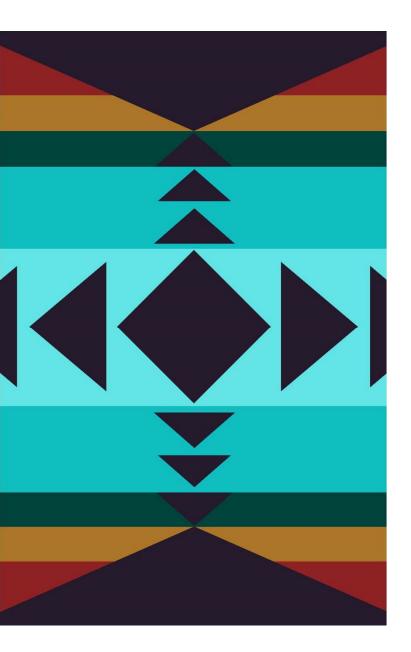
The brutal confrontation between the European colonists and the Native Americans, which resulted in the decimation of the latter's population, is well known as an historical tragedy.

Even after the establishment of the United States government, discrimination against Native Americans was codified and formalized in a series of laws intended to subjugate them and keep them from gaining any power.

The eradication of Native American culture continued until the 1960s, when Native Americans were able to participate in, and benefit from, the civil rights movement. Native Americans still suffer the effects of centuries of degradation. Long-term poverty, inadequate education, cultural dislocation, and high rates of unemployment contribute to Native American populations falling to the bottom of the economic spectrum.



# **Some People the Things You Should Know**

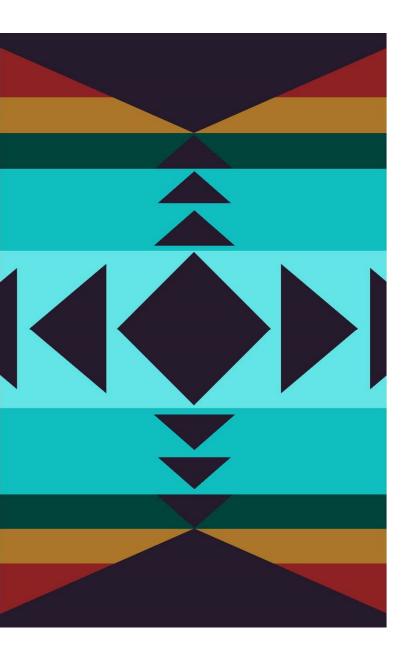


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# Native American Contributions to Society



# **Interesting facts**

# Here are some interesting facts about Native American Contributions:

- In 1914, Rev. Red Fox James traveled 4,000 miles to Washington, D.C. to petition the president for a day to honor Native Americans.
- In 1968, California Governor Ronald Reagan designated the fourth Friday in September as American Indian Day.
- In 1990, President George H.W. Bush designated November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

## **Native American leaders**

Here are leaders of Natives American backgrounds, including their lives and accomplishments.

Scott Momaday was the first person of Native American heritage to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. John Herrington was the first person of Native American heritage to fly in space.

Jim Thorpe was the first person of Native American heritage to win an Olympic gold medal for the United States.

## **Arts and literature**

Here are some examples of art and literature that are significant and attributable to Native American Heritage :

- The writing of Joy Harjo
- The music of R. Carlos Nakai
- The artwork of Allan Houser





## How we celebrate

#### Here is a list of some ways you can celebrate Native American Heritage.

- **Discover** Native American artists
- **<u>Read</u>** Native American authors
- Listen to Native American music
- Learn Native American history



# You are now required to write and essay on this material. You may also do further research.