

Native American Heritage Month

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#), or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

It is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Native American Heritage Month is also a great time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

History of Native American Heritage Month

[National Native American Month](#) started off as an effort to get a day of appreciation and acknowledgment for the unique contributions made by the first Americans for the growth and establishment of the United States. The effort has now resulted in a whole month being celebrated for that purpose.

1916	1990	1994 to Present
The first time American Indian Day was declared was in May 1916.	A joint resolution was approved by George H.W. Bush, which called for November to be named National American Heritage Month.	Declarations like these have been issued since 1994, such as Native American Heritage Month and National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

Did You Know?

[The 12 Most Influential Native Americans](#)

Powhatan	Crazy Horse
Tamanend	Geronimo
Joseph Brant	Chief Joseph
Sequoyah	Wilma Mankiller
Tecumseh	Sitting Bull
Sacagawea	Red Cloud

[The 10 largest Native American Tribes](#)

Navajo	Creek
Cherokee	Blackfeet
Sioux	Iroquois
Chippewa	Pueblo
Choctaw	Apache

BOOK LISTS

Elementary:

[Read Brightly](#)

[Almighty Girl](#)

[Colours of Us](#)

Young Adult:

[Read Brightly](#)

[Colours of Us](#)

[Reading Middle Grade](#)

LESSON PLANS & ACTIVITIES

Elementary

[ADL.org Lesson Plan: Lewis & Clark Expedition](#)

[Activity: Native American Pictograph](#)

["The Diwali Gift" Lesson Plan](#)

Middle School

[Important Indigenous American activity](#)

High School

[ADL.org Lesson: Columbus Day or Indigenous People's Day](#)

K-12

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[National Education Association](#)

[A Dialogue Toolkit for Educators](#)

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