

NAF CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

NAF celebrates National Native American Heritage Month from November 1st to November 30th to honor the rich culture, diversity, and contributions of Native Americans.

Since culture is vibrant year-round, we invite NAF’s Network to expand their Native American heritage knowledge beyond November 30th.

1915

The President of the American Indian Association is directed to advocate for a national observation of the First Americans Day

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1916

New York state is the first to declare the second Saturday in May the first American Indian Day

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1986

President Reagan proclaims the week of November 23-30, 1986, as American Indian Week

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1990

President George H.W. Bush designates November the first National American Heritage Month

REFLECT

As you explore the resources below, think about how Native American culture has been attacked, ignored, celebrated, and honored throughout history:

READ

- * [Unlearning Columbus Day Myths](#)
- * [Where has Columbus Day been abolished?](#)

WATCH

- * [Who are Native Americans?](#)
- * [Who Gets To Be An Indian | Richie Meyers | TEDxBrookings](#)

EXPERIENCE

- * [Whose Land Are We On?](#)
- * [See Gallery of over 300 sovereign nations](#)
- * [A time-lapse map displaying seizures of Native lands](#)

PLAY

- * [Native American Games](#)

STRETCH

These resources help you dig deeper and learn about how policies impact Native American communities, and how their resiliency prevailed throughout history.

READ

- * [How did the Civilization Fund Act of 1819 try to eviscerate Native American culture?](#)
- * [The elevation of Native voices in politics](#)
- * [The Biden-Harris Plan for Tribal Nations](#)

WATCH

- * [Standing Bear’s Footsteps](#) to learn how an Indian Chief went to court to prove he was a person.
- * [Real Life as a young Native American](#)

VOICE

- * Explore why some would like to [Abolish Columbus Day](#)

LISTEN

- * [Native Opinion podcast](#)
- * [Native America Calling](#)


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INNOVATE

COLLECT STORIES THAT CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR CAREER PATHWAY	DESIGN A POSTER OR INFOGRAPHIC THAT HIGHLIGHTS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE USING DESIGN TOOLS LIKE CANVA OR ADOBE PHOTOSHOP EXAMPLES: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH POSTER	DESIGN A VIRTUAL OR AUGMENTED REALITY TOUR THAT FOCUSES ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS OR NATIVE-OWNED BUSINESSES
RESEARCH NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL NATIONS IN THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE	 <p>Stephen M. Mills, is the Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of AQIWO, Inc. Stephen considers himself an “Indianpreneur” as a strong advocate for his Native American community. His company provides expert professional technical services in the fields of nuclear forensics/logistics and full lifecycle information technology support.</p>	PROGRAM AN APP THAT CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE OR INNOVATIONS
ORGANIZE AND LEAD A PANEL OF NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS WHO CAN MEET WITH YOUR CLASS OR SCHOOL		CREATE AN APP TO LEARN AN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE
LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN IN YOUR SCHOOL TO ADVOCATE FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN CAUSE		PROGRAM A 2D VIDEO GAME-LIKE WHEN RIVERS WERE TRAILS TO TEACH OTHERS ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY OR CULTURE
CREATE A WEBSITE THAT FEATURES NATIVE AMERICAN-OWNED BUSINESSES	LEVERAGE YOUR CODING SKILLS TO PRODUCE A SONG USING NATIVE AMERICAN DRUMS OR OTHER INSTRUMENTALS WITH EARSKETCH THAT ALSO CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE	DESIGN A PROPOSAL TO TEACH NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY AT YOUR SCHOOL

SHOWCASE

PUBLISH A BLOG ARTICLE TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE LEARNING ABOUT ANCESTRAL LANDS	COORDINATE WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO SHOWCASE STUDENT PROJECTS	BROADCAST YOUR INTERVIEW WITH SOMEONE FROM THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ON YOUR SCHOOL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, YOUTUBE, OR A PODCAST
RECORD YOUR EVENT WITH NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS AT YOUR SCHOOL AND PUBLISH ON YOUTUBE	 <p>A pow wow is a social gathering for Native Americans where they dance, sing, and create bonds.</p>	PUBLISH YOUR YOUTUBE VIDEO TO SHOWCASE YOUR PROJECT
PUBLISH YOUR SONG IN SOUNDCLOUD OR PLAY DURING MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS OR SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS		LEAD A VIRTUAL TOUR OF YOUR PROJECT WITH YOUR CLASS OR A GROUP OF CLASSES
PUBLISH YOUR POSTER ON PINTEREST OR ON OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS		PUBLISH YOUR APP IN YOUR CODING PLATFORM'S GALLERY OR APP STORE
PUBLISH A WEBSITE THAT SHARES THE NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY WHERE YOUR SCHOOL IS LOCATED	INVITE LOCAL PARTNERS TO YOUR VOLUNTEER EVENT BENEFITTING THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY	PRESENT YOUR PLAN TO INTEGRATE TEACHING NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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EXPLORE BY PATHWAY

BUSINESS & FINANCE



Explore the [IndigiExchange Marketplace](#), an online store of authentic Native-made goods. IndigiExchange is a program that was born during the pandemic when New Mexico Community Capital realized a need to create a platform to support its entrepreneurs. Then meet these [Native American Entrepreneurs](#).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Read "[One of the World's 7,000 Languages Dies Every Three Months. Can Apps Help Save Them?](#)" and learn how technology is being used at [UC Berkley to recover indigenous California languages](#).

ENGINEERING



Learn about "[10 Native American Inventions Commonly Used Today](#)". Learn more about [Native American Representation in STEM](#).

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



Find out more about [ecological knowledge in Pacific coastal communities](#). Then, go on a [tour of Indigenous Heritage sites with the National Park Service](#).

HEALTH SCIENCES



Check out [Native American Inventions that Revolutionized Medicine and Health](#).