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The Iroquois: The Six Nations Confederacy (American Indian Nations)



Synopsis

Provides an overview of the past and present lives of the Iroquois Native Americans of New York and Ontario, tracing their customs, family life, history, culture, and government.

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Customer Reviews

Most American history textbooks touch on the the Six Nations of the Iroquois as the first example on the North American continent of a confederation, with links both directly and indirectly to the original Articles of Confederation and then the United States Constitution that formally codified the relationships between the original thirteen states. "The Iroquois: The Six Nations Confederacy" introduces younger readers to the history and culture of this powerful American Indian group that flourished in the area of what is now New York and Ontario. As related by Mary Englar this is the story of a people finding a way to cooperate in peace, as well as the effort to preserve their culture in the face of American settlers moving west across the continent. Englar beings by defining the Iroquois, which included the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca when it was first formed between the years 1000 and 1500 and added the Tuscarora in 1722. Other chapters are devoted to the traditional life enjoyed by the Iroquois, the changes brought by the Europeans, the life of the Iroquois today, and the traditions that have been passed down. Young readers will probably be surprised to learn that 36 countries today recognize the Iroquois as independent nations within U.S.

and Canadian borders. This will be just one of many differences between the experiences of the Iroquois and other Native American peoples that they will learn about from the basic introduction provided in this illustrated volume. "The Iroquois: The Six Nation Confederacy" is one of the American Indian Nations series that looks at not only the Iroquois but also the Cherokee, Ojibwa, Pueblo, Seminole, and Sioux peoples. Among the features in the book are a map of Iroquois lands, a recipe for Strawberry Juice, a timeline, glossary, sources for further reading, Internet sites, and even places to write and visit to find out more about the Iroquois.

This is an informative book that is targeted towards younger and teenage students whom are learning about Indigenous people in North America. It introduces the students into the colonial invasion and the many wars the Iroquois fought to survive. The Map is fantastic as this gives the students a greater understanding of location. The Strawberry juice is a bonus as the students had fun making the drink and understanding the culture through other alternative means. Fantastic read which engages the students and those around you into the life and survival of the Iroquoian Nation.

This book is more like a pamphlet, but it contains all the information that one would get in a tome about the Iroquois People. It is concise and was very useful to me in my research.

The poor review is given because we barely began to read it and pages fell out. I dislike spending money on poor quality. The book itself is informative. There is a touch of bias on pg 41 "Lyons is a powerful speaker for nature ... He encourages all people to protect and respect nature. He has spoken to the United Nations. The Earth Day Foundation and the Audubon Society have recognized his work against pollution and OVERPOPULATION.

I bought a series of books for my grandmother and she loved this one. It is clear that the Iroquois culture was and is diverse and this book gave some good history.

This book has a good deal of valuable information about the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), but at times lapses into the common flaw of talking about the Haudenosaunee in the past tense.

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