Myths + Resources

Myth: Native Americans lived in a state of anarchy without any form of structured government, laws, or order.

* Standard:
  + 7.7 Compare the complex systems of governments of at least three Indigenous societies, including chiefdoms and structures that had democratic characteristics between 1400 and 1600.
* Region/Tribes:
  + Inca: Chaskis
  + Haudenosaunee: Confederacy, Matrilineal
* Resources:
  + <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/inka/pdf/inka-teachers-guide.pdf>
  + <https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/HaudenosauneeGuide.pdf>

Myth: Europeans brought civilization to the Indians, who lived in primitive conditions and lacked the advanced knowledge and cultural achievements of the Europeans.

(Maya Calendar, Cahokia?)

* Standard:
  + 7.5 Explain the development of technological and scientific innovations of at least three Indigenous societies between 1400 and 1600.
  + **7.4 Compare the different ways Indigenous societies adapted to the land and climate and how they shaped their environments between 1400 and 1600.**
  + 7.6 Evaluate the agricultural developments and accomplishments of at least three Indigenous societies in the Americas between 1400 and 1600.
* Region/Tribes:
  + Maya- Calendar, Math
* Resources:
  + <https://maya.nmai.si.edu/calendar/calendar-system>
  + <https://maya.nmai.si.edu/maya-sun/maya-math-game>
  + <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/informational/maya-skies>

Myth: The Americas were a vast wilderness inhabited by small, scattered bands of Indigenous peoples who lived in harmony with nature, leaving it virtually unchanged by human activity.

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  + 7.6 Evaluate the agricultural developments and accomplishments of at least three Indigenous societies in the Americas between 1400 and 1600.
* Region/Tribes:
  + Inka: Water and Land Management
* Resources:
  + <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/inka-water/#title>

Myth: Indians were savage and warlike, engaging in constant battles and violent practices that justified European efforts to civilize and pacify them.

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  + 7.7 Compare the complex systems of governments of at least three Indigenous societies, including chiefdoms and structures that had democratic characteristics between 1400 and 1600.
* Region/Tribes:
* Resources:
  + <https://www.oxfordreference.com/display/10.1093/acref/9780195071986.001.0001/acref-9780195071986-e-0618#:~:text=On%20the%20Western%20Plains%2C%20pre,sometimes%20resided%20in%20palisaded%20villages>.

Two spirit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBH6wVOjolg>

<https://ictnews.org/archive/8-misconceptions-things-know-two-spirit-people>