

History

Road Trip USA: Who were the Native Americans (Haudenosaunee)?

More than 15,000 years ago!

First humans arrive and settle in North America.

1142 CE

The Five Nations are brought together by The Great Peacemaker. Seneca, Onondaga, Cayuga, Oneida,

Early 1600s CE

European explorers sail to "The New World" and meet members of the tribes.

They live in peace, trading goods like fur.

Mid 1600s CE

The Beaver Wars

The Haudenosaunee fight against the settlers about the fur trading.

Fighting lasts for 60 years.

1783 CE

The United States of America is formed after a war of independence with Britain. Haudenosaunee tribes fight on both sides.

The Haudenosaunee that sided with the Britain settle in Canada.

The Haudenosaunee that sided with the America were forced to move west and placed in reservations.

Key Vocabulary

native / indigenous	someone who is the original person to live in a place
a confederacy	a group of communities who agree to work together so they can live peacefully
a settler	a person who moves with a group of others to live in a new country
colonisation	settling among a group of natives and then taking control of them and their land
a reservation	an area of land that a group of people are told to live in
a longhouse	a rectangular building that several families shared
culture	the language, traditions, art and way of life of a particular group of people

Who were the Haudenosaunee?

- People lived in North America possibly as early as 15—30,000 years ago!

- The Haudenosaunee were a **confederacy** of tribes called The Six Nations.

- Haudenosaunee means "the people of the longhouse".



Haudenosaunee territory

What was the biggest change to their way of life?

European settlers



Settlers began to **colonise** native American land in the 1500s CE. They called The Haudenosaunee "The Iroquois".

Disease and war



Many natives died in battles with settlers or from the diseases the settlers spread.

Reservation

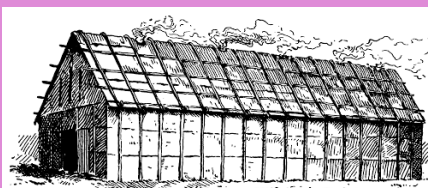


Natives who survived had their land taken by the settlers and were forced to live in small, unhygienic reservations.

Haudenosaunee lifestyle & culture

Homes

- Families lived in a **longhouse**
- Fire pits for heating and cooking
- Doors at each end and no windows



Food

- 3 main crops: The Three Sisters
- Women farmed and cooked
- Men hunted for meat

Three Sisters



Corn



Beans



Squash

Society

Men and women treated equally.

- Men in charge of trade and war
- Women in charge of decisions for the village

Native Americans were resourceful.

- All body parts of a hunted animal were used (skin made clothes and blankets)