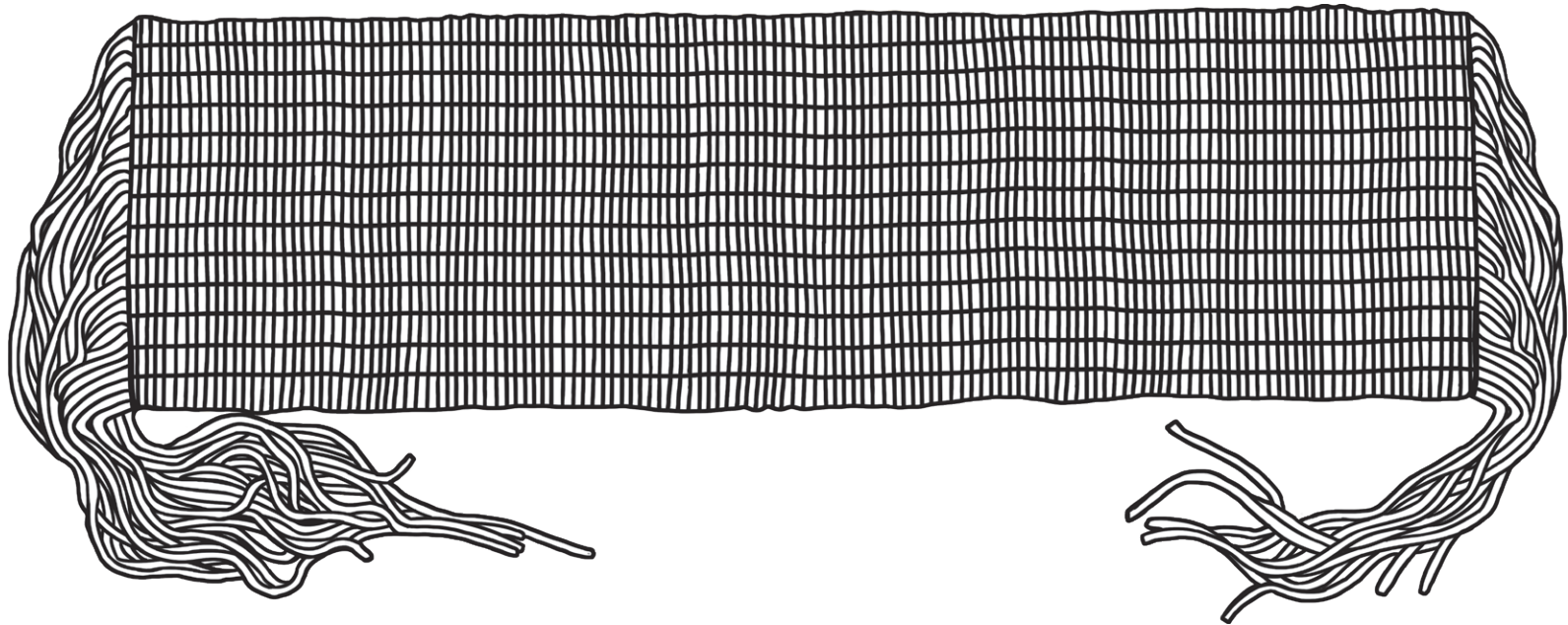


# Design a Wampum Belt



Northeastern Native Americans made beads from shells. The shells were purple and white, and pieces of them were formed into beads. The beads were carefully strung together. These strung beads were made into belts. They were called wampum belts.

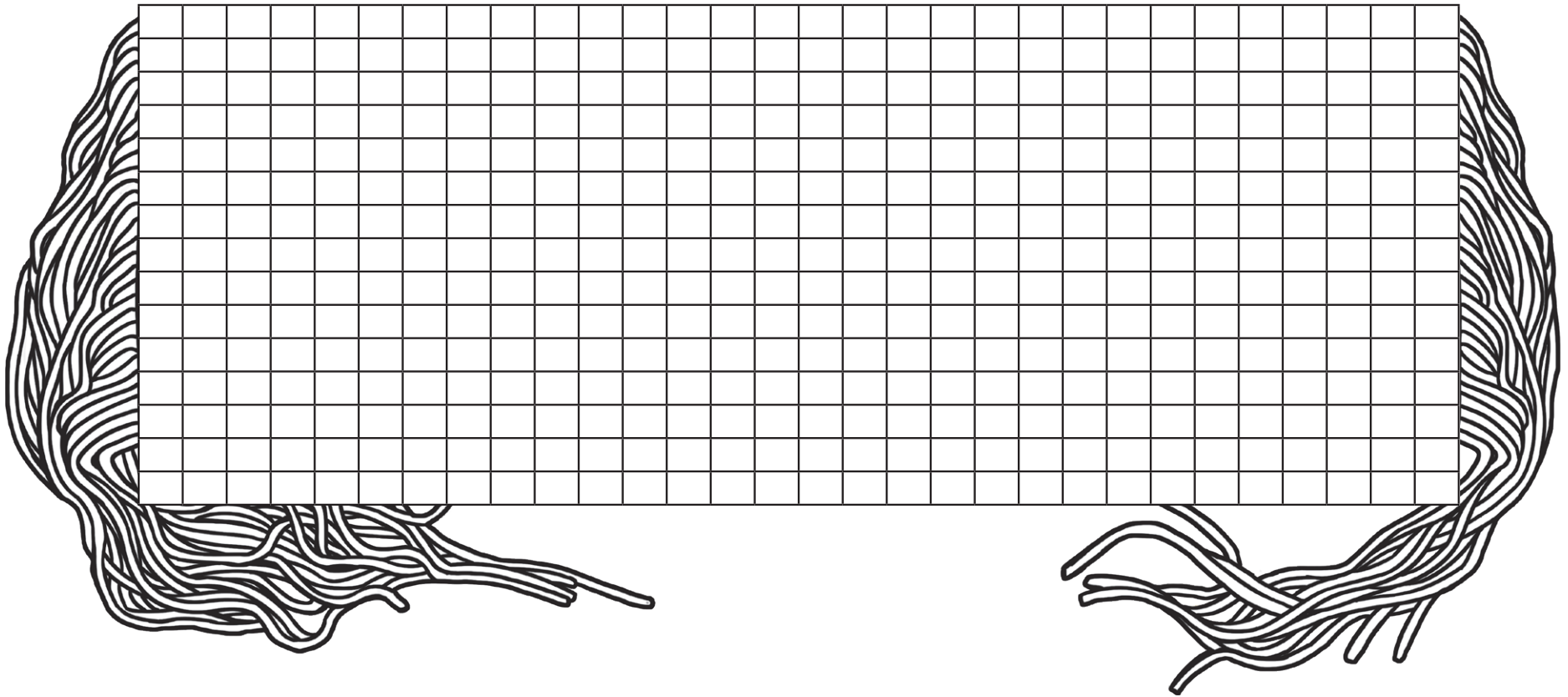
Wampum belts had many uses. They recorded Native American stories and events. Wampum belts were used as ceremonial gifts. The belts had beautiful patterns and designs. These patterns held special meanings. Wampum belts are still used today. They are used in Native American ceremonies.



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**Directions:** On the grid below, create a wampum design. Then write a complete sentence telling the message or meaning of your design using the sentence starter below.



My wampum belt design... \_\_\_\_\_  
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