

# NATIVE AMERICAN

## TRIBE



PowerPoint



# EDITABLE

### NEZ PERCE

#### History

The Nez Perce, whose name means "peaceful people" in French, are a Native American tribe with roots and complex history. They originally inhabited the Pacific Northwest region of what is now the Pacific Northwest in the United States. The history of the Nez Perce spans back centuries, and their story is marked by resilience, conflict, and cultural preservation.

The Nez Perce people were known for their peaceful ways and strong connection to the land. They lived in small, independent bands, each led by a chief or leader. Before European contact, they thrived in a region abundant with natural resources, including salmon from the river and the vast forests of trees in the plains.

#### Lifestyle

The Nez Perce people had a distinctive way of life that revolved around their cultural surroundings. They were renowned for their farming and were skilled hunters and gatherers. They lived in traditional dwellings, which were easy to assemble and disassemble, making them well-suited for their nomadic lifestyle.

The Nez Perce diet was diverse, including fish, game, and various plants. Salmon was a particularly important food source, as it was abundant in the rivers of their homeland. They also hunted deer, elk, and other animals, and made tools out of their skin.

#### Legacy

Despite the challenges and hardships they faced, the Nez Perce have persevered and continue to celebrate their cultural traditions and values. Today, many Nez Perce people are working diligently to ensure the survival of their language and customs. Their cultural legacy endures through storytelling, traditional ceremonies, and art that tells the lasting and beautiful story.

The Nez Perce also have a rich tradition of storytelling. Their oral history has been passed down through generations, providing insight into their spiritual beliefs and the wisdom of their ancestors. These stories not only serve to preserve their heritage but also educate others about their



### NEZ PERCE

What does the name "Nez Perce" mean?

- a. Peaceful War
- b. Peaceful People
- c. Strong Warrior
- d. Peaceful People

The Nez Perce lived in which region of the United States?

- a. Great Plains
- b. Southwest
- c. Pacific Northwest
- d. Southeast

The Nez Perce War of 1877 was a result of their resistance to:

- a. American settlers
- b. U.S. government efforts to confine them to a reservation
- c. European trade agreements
- d. Natural disasters

What was a significant aspect of Nez Perce social structure?

- a. Patriarchal system
- b. Matrilineal system
- c. Egalitarian system
- d. Caste system

What is the legacy of the Nez Perce people preserved through:

- a. Written records and documents
- b. Oral traditions, ceremonies, and storytelling

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# COMPREHENSION

DATE OF BIRTH  
AND DEATH

ASSOCIATED  
TRIBE

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**Language**  
The Nez Perce people have a distinct set of language that evolved over time through oral traditions. They were recognized for their harmonious and peaceful relationships with others. They lived in a traditional way, which was easy to remember and share, making them a model for their world (people).

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**History**  
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The Nez Perce also have a rich tradition of storytelling. These stories have been passed down through generations, providing insight into their lives and the values of their people. These stories are a testament to their resilience and a source of pride for the tribe.

READING  
PASSAGE



MCQ'S

QUESTIONS

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