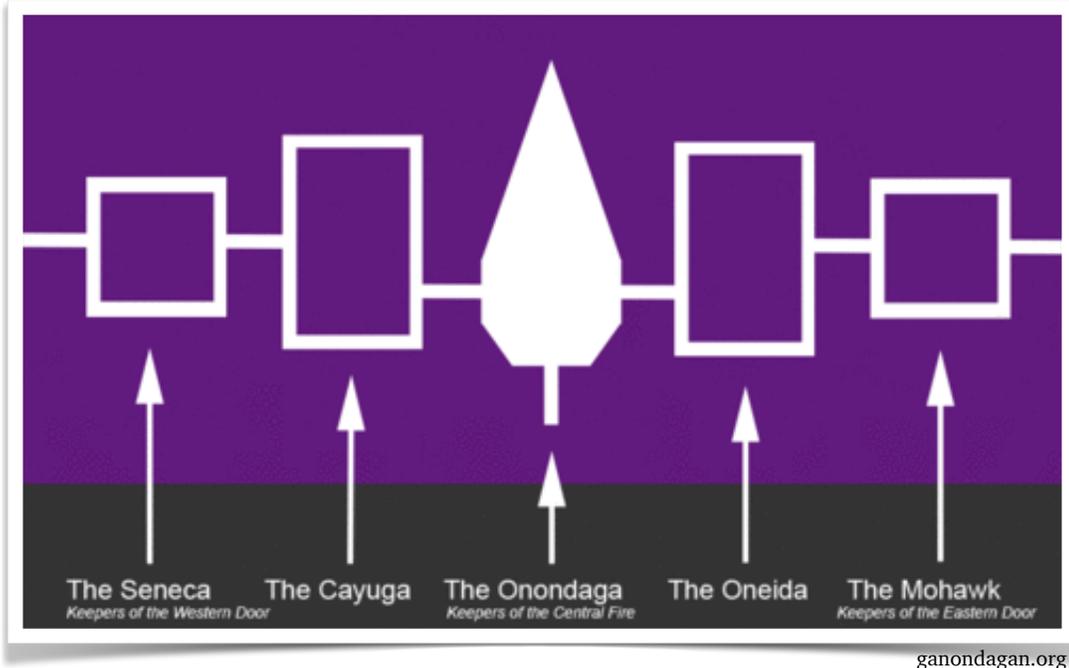




Native American Heritage Month



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VISIT

Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor, NY - an historic Seneca town.

<https://ganondagan.org>

VOCABULARY

Haudenosaunee (ho-DEE-no-Sho-nee) means "people who build a house". The Great Law is the Haudenosaunee founding constitution and is passed on through oral tradition.

KNOW

There are around 574 federally recognized Native Nations in the US today. With Alaska having the highest Native American population.

What is Native American Heritage Month?

President George H.W. Bush first declared the month of November as Native American Heritage Month in 1990.

Since 1995 every president has issued an annual proclamation that designates the month of November as a time to celebrate the culture, accomplishments, contributions and history of Native Americans.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Rochester sits on native lands of the Onondowahgah (Seneca) Tribe

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ONONDOWAHGAH

Or Seneca are known as the "Keepers of the Western Door" as the westernmost nation

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TODAY

6.8 million Americans identify as Native American. Yet representation is seriously lacking.

People to Know

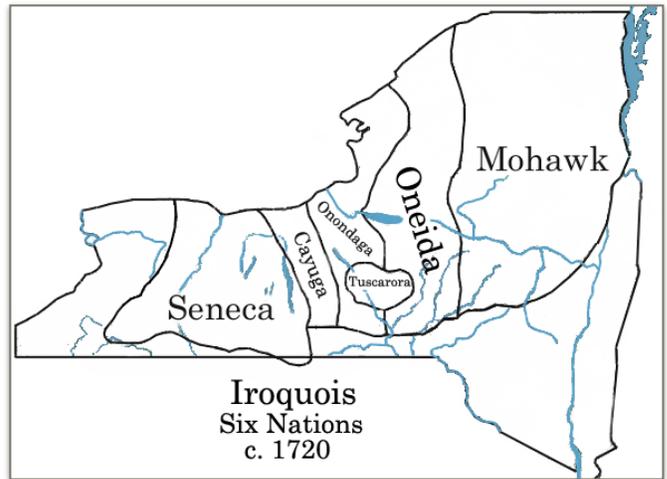
Joy Harjo- The first Native American poet laureate of the United States. She has taught at many universities and is the author of nine books of poetry. She is an active member of the Muscogee Nation and a strong supporter for women's rights and equality.

Jason Momoa- Actor who played Aquaman. A Native Hawaiian and advocate for preservation of Mauna Kea a dormant Hawaiian volcano.

Irena Bedard- Actress who provided the voice and physical model for Disney's Pocahontas. Irena Bedard was born in Anchorage Alaska to parents of Inupiat and Cree descent.

Anthony Kiedis- Lead singer of Red Hot Chili Peppers, Anthony is Mohican and honors his heritage from his mothers side with many tattoos.

Debra Haaland- an enrolled member of the Laguna Tribe, Debra Haaland is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. President Joe Biden nominated Haaland as Secretary of the Interior in March of 2021.



Haudenosaunee Confederation

Six Unique Nations Make Up the Haudenosaunee Confederation.

Each nation within the Haudenosaunee Confederation has its own identity.

- Kanien'kehaka (Mohawk)
- Onayotekaono (Oneida)
- Onundagaono (Onondaga)
- Guyohkohnyoh (Cayuga)
- Onondowahgah (Seneca)
- Skaruhreh (Tuscarora)

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Visit: Rochester Museum and Science Center: At the Western Door Exhibit



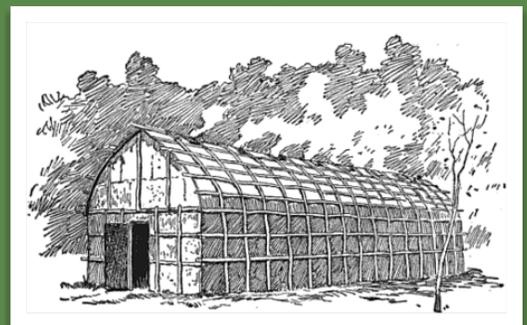
Visit: Memorial Art Gallery: "To Help People See": The Art of G. Peter Jemison



Listen to: Perry Ground (Onondaga Storyteller)
<https://www.facebook.com/TalkingTurtleStories>



Read: Picture Books about Indigenous Families
<https://imaginationsoup.net/picture-books-indigenous/>



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