



Native American Cultures

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 3

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

1. Why did many Native American tribes trade with each other?

- A) They wanted to start wars over land.
- B) Each region had different resources that other tribes needed.
- C) Trading was required by tribal law.
- D) They had too much food and needed to get rid of it.

2. What is one reason the Cherokee developed a written alphabet?

- A) European settlers forced them to write.
- B) They wanted to preserve their language and communicate in writing.
- C) They needed it to count buffalo.
- D) Writing was used only for making maps.

3. How did horses change life for Plains tribes?

- A) Horses helped tribes farm larger fields.
- B) Horses made it easier to hunt buffalo and travel faster.
- C) Horses were kept only as pets.
- D) Horses were used to pull plows for planting corn.

4. Why were kivas important to Pueblo communities?

- A) Kivas were kitchens where all meals were prepared.
- B) Kivas were underground rooms used for religious ceremonies and meetings.
- C) Kivas were storerooms for weapons.
- D) Kivas were playgrounds built for children.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. Wampum beads were made from polished _____ and used to seal agreements.
2. The travois was a wooden frame pulled by dogs or horses to carry _____.
3. Many tribes believed that all living things had a _____ and deserved respect.
4. Sequoyah was the Cherokee leader who created the Cherokee _____.
5. Birch bark was also used by Woodlands tribes to write _____ and keep records.

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