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American Indian Narrative

While studying American Indian tribes of North America have you wondered about what it would be like to live as a member of one of those tribes?

In this assignment you will do just that. Your task is to create an identity as an American Indian and write a narrative essay around that identity. Your narrative essay is required to be at least 2 paragraphs that weave the cultural features of a nation or tribe into a story of your life. You must accurately incorporate at least 4 different traits of the tribe in your writing. This will include...

1. What nation/tribe are you part of?
2. What is the physical geography like around you? (think climate and physical features)
3. Include at least 4 of the following traits in your writing. (use pages 17-21 and web resources)
 - What resources do you depend on? (animals, crops, land)
 - How have you adapted to the land? (possibly shelter, possibly farming techniques, possibly use of animals)
 - How do you view ownership of the land? (is it yours? is it everyone's? Does anyone actually own the land?)
 - What is your religion centered around? (probably centered around nature and the land)
 - What is your political organization like? (councils? leagues? Leaders?)
 - What are roles like for men and women in your tribe (who owns stuff, who has political power)

Here are the specific directions.

1. Select a nation or tribe from one of the regions that we studied (map on pg 3 might be useful)
2. Pre write in some way, shape or form by researching using your book, notes, and web resources. That means putting down details to be found in your narrative on paper using bullet points, graphic organizer, etc...
3. Write at least a 2 paragraph narrative essay that accurately describes your life as an American Indian depending on your location and tribe

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| Paragraph Format | 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay has 2 or fewer paragraphs and/or paragraphs of less than 4 sentences | 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay has 1 paragraphs and/or paragraphs of 4 sentences | 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay has at least 2 paragraphs of at least 5 sentences |
| Treatment of Cultural Features | 0-10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nation/tribe name is inaccurate• Physical geography does not match tribe's location• 2 or fewer cultural features are included in the narrative• Cultural features are describe inaccurately | 10-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A nation/tribe is selected• Physical geography surrounding tribe's region is somewhat accurate• 3 cultural features are included in the narrative• Cultural features are describes in a mostly accurate way | 13-15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A nation/tribe is selected• Physical geography surrounding tribe's region is accurate• At least 4 cultural features are included in the narrative• Cultural features are described accurately |
| Writing Style and Final Copy | 0-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural features are listed and not described• Creativity and effort are not found• Final copy has more than 5 spelling or basic grammar errors | 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural features are described in a first person manner• Some creativity and effort is evident• Final copy has between 2 and 5 spelling or basic grammar errors | 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrative is with a unique voice• Strong creativity and effort is found throughout the narrative• Final copy has 1 or fewer spelling or basic grammar errors |
| Total: /25 | | | |