Academic Standards

Native American Heritage Month Hyperlinked Resources



November is Native American Heritage month, honoring the 575 federally recognized Native Nations of the United States.

1924 - Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act, extending citizenship to all U.S.-born American Indians not already covered by treaties or other federal agreement

2009 - Congress passed and the President signed legislation establishing the Friday following Thanksgiving Day of each year as "Native American Heritage Day."

Resources for EDUCATORS

Homepage-Native American Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month - National Park Service

Webinar Recording: Kathleen DuVal - Native Nations Book Talk

Primary Source ANALYSIS

Analyze Artwork Novice

Analyze Artwork Secondary

Featured Thinking ROUTINE

PZ PROJECT ZERO

Here Now, There Then

Local MUSEUM

Heard Museum

Explore traditional and contemporary art (with teacher resources) at the Heard Museum.

OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

The Office of Indian Education offers resources on Culturally Relevant Curriculum and Instruction and Understanding your Native American Students

Native American Heritage Resource Sheet 2026

Visit the History and Social Studies Academic Standards page and ADEL for more Native American resource ideas

Take Virtual Field Trips around Arizona locations and find an investigation on 'Olas kii.

Find books and educational ideas for your students centered around Indigenous peoples

Find free online lessons that incorporate the Amerind Museum's Native American collection of historic and archaeological materials, informed by knowledgeable Native American cultural specialists, archaeologists, and historians.

ELEMENTARY RESOURCES

Use the Inquiry Design Model to helps students dispel misconceptions and misunderstandings about the First Thanksgiving and other lessons at the National Museum of the American Indian

Use maps to explore cultural patterns. This activity invites students to explore the Indigenous Peoples who lived in colonial America during the 1700s.

SECONDARY Resources

Visit the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian to use along with an Artwork analysis sheet

Explore the stories of Indigenous people and cultures around the world including Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring Our World.

Find Indigenous Peoples' Day resources including a mock trial of The People vs. Columbus, et al

Explore their collection for documents like Native American Constitutions and Legal Materials and collections of photographs and art

Learn about the court case Elk v. Wilkins in their Landmark Library

Use Oral History and testimonies from local indingeous Arizonans

Visit Native Land Digital to learn more about the indigenous connection to the land you are on

Use video resources to learn more about Indian Removal Acts - includes a choice board for students