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Modern Native American Communities

Native American Reading Comprehension Passage

Today, **Native American communities** are active and thriving across the United States. There are **574 federally recognized Tribal Nations**, each with its own government, culture, traditions, and history. While every Nation is unique, many continue to preserve their languages, celebrate cultural events, and pass traditional knowledge to future generations.

Many Native Americans live on tribal lands, while others live in towns and cities throughout the country. They work in many different careers, including education, healthcare, science, business, technology, public service, farming, and the arts. Native American leaders, teachers, artists, athletes, and entrepreneurs make valuable contributions to their communities and to the nation.

Across the United States, tribal communities organize **powwows, cultural festivals, language programs, and youth activities** that celebrate Native American heritage. Museums, cultural centers, and schools also help students learn about Indigenous history and traditions in respectful and accurate ways.

Learning about **modern Native American communities** reminds us that Native American cultures are living, diverse, and continue to grow today. By understanding both the history and the present, students can better appreciate the many contributions Native American people make to American society.

Vocabulary

1. Community:

2. Heritage:

3. Recognized:

4. Entrepreneur:

5. Tradition:

Multiple Choice

1. What does the passage say about Native American communities today?

- A. They only exist in history books.
- B. They are active and thriving across the United States.
- C. They all live in one state.
- D. They all have the same traditions.

2. Which career is mentioned in the passage?

- A. Teacher
- B. Scientist
- C. Artist
- D. All of the above

3. What is one way tribal communities celebrate their heritage?

- A. Through powwows and cultural festivals
- B. By closing schools
- C. By moving to other countries
- D. By building castles

4. What do museums and cultural centers help people do?

- A. Learn about Native American history and traditions
- B. Grow crops
- C. Build roads
- D. Design airplanes

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Native American communities are diverse, active, and continue to contribute to society today.
- B. Native Americans only lived in the past.
- C. Every Native American community is the same.
- D. Native American traditions have disappeared.

Short Answer

Name three careers mentioned in the passage.

How do Native American communities preserve their cultures today?

Why is it important to learn about modern Native American communities?

Main Idea

What is the passage mostly about?

Text Evidence

Write one fact from the passage that shows Native American cultures continue to thrive today.

Answer Key

Vocabulary (Sample Answers)

1. **Community** – a group of people who live or work together.
2. **Heritage** – the traditions, culture, and history passed through generations.
3. **Recognized** – officially accepted or acknowledged.
4. **Entrepreneur** – a person who starts or runs a business.
5. **Tradition** – a custom or practice passed from one generation to another.

Multiple Choice

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. A

Sample Answers

1. Teacher, scientist, artist, healthcare worker, entrepreneur, or public servant.
2. Through language programs, powwows, cultural festivals, museums, schools, and community events.
3. It helps students understand that Native American cultures are living, diverse, and continue to make important contributions to the United States.

Main Idea: Modern Native American communities preserve their traditions while contributing to many parts of American society.

Text Evidence: *"Learning about modern Native American communities reminds us that Native American cultures are living, diverse, and continue to grow today."*