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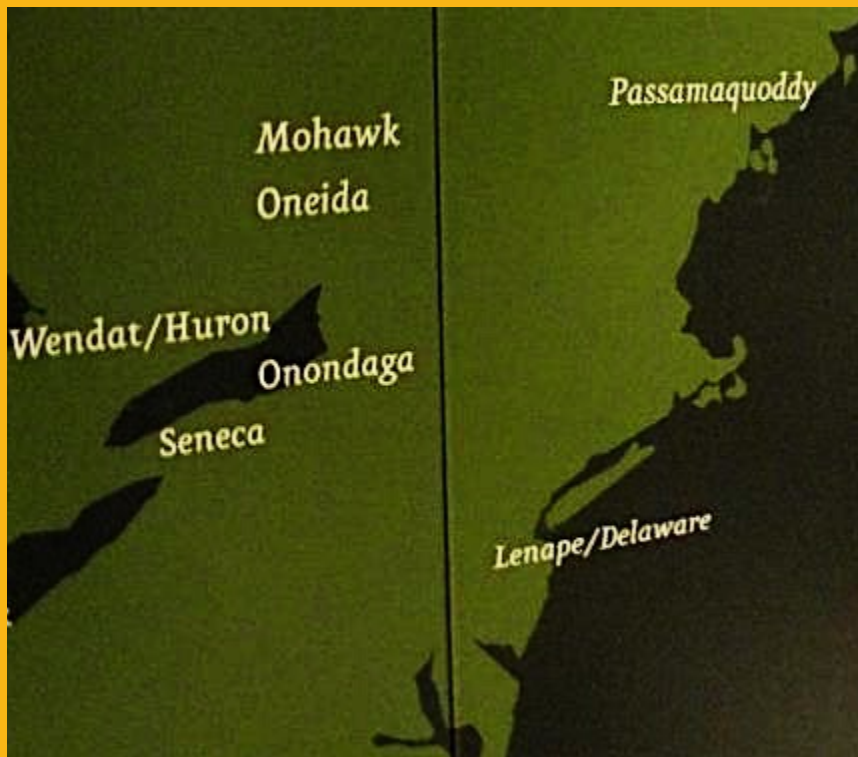
The (Questionable) Legacy of Native
Americans



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Map of Native American Tribes in the Northeast

☞ The tribes in the northeast include: Fox, Huron, Mohican, Mohawk, Shawnee, Lenape. Not any of them are living like they did in the 1600s.



During the French Indian War, most of these tribes allied with the French against the British. These include two tribes in the Iroquois confederacy, the Abenaki, the Powhatan, and the Shawnee. Most of these were major Native American tribes rivaled the British and allied the French during the French Indian war, or allied with the colonists against the British.

Sacagawea Gold Coin

∞ This is the Sacagawea Gold Dollar Coin. It is controversial that this coin is minted.



It was first minted in 2000, to honor Native Americans. It is also sometimes known as the Native American Coin. It was not minted from 2002 through 2008 because of low public demand. It was proposed to replace the Susan B. Anthony coin. It was minted from 2009-2011. After 2011 it was discontinued.

The Iroquois Confederacy

☞ This is a map of the five tribes in the Iroquois confederacy.



The Iroquois Confederacy lived in upstate New York. It was a very powerful Native American tribe, with a very large amount of people in their formidable military. The Iroquois confederacy is made of the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk. There are currently about 125,000 Iroquois still alive. 45,000 Iroquois now live in Canada, and 80,000 in the United States of America.

The American Indian Museum

- ☞ The American Indian Museum tells the history of Native Americans and their contact with Europeans. It is trying to preserve the questionable future of Native Americans.



The New York branch of The American Indian Museum opened in 1916. It was opened by George Gustav Heye, who created the Heye foundation with the artifacts he collected during the time he traveled through North and South America. There are two other American Indian Museums, one in D. C. and one in Maryland.

Native American Names

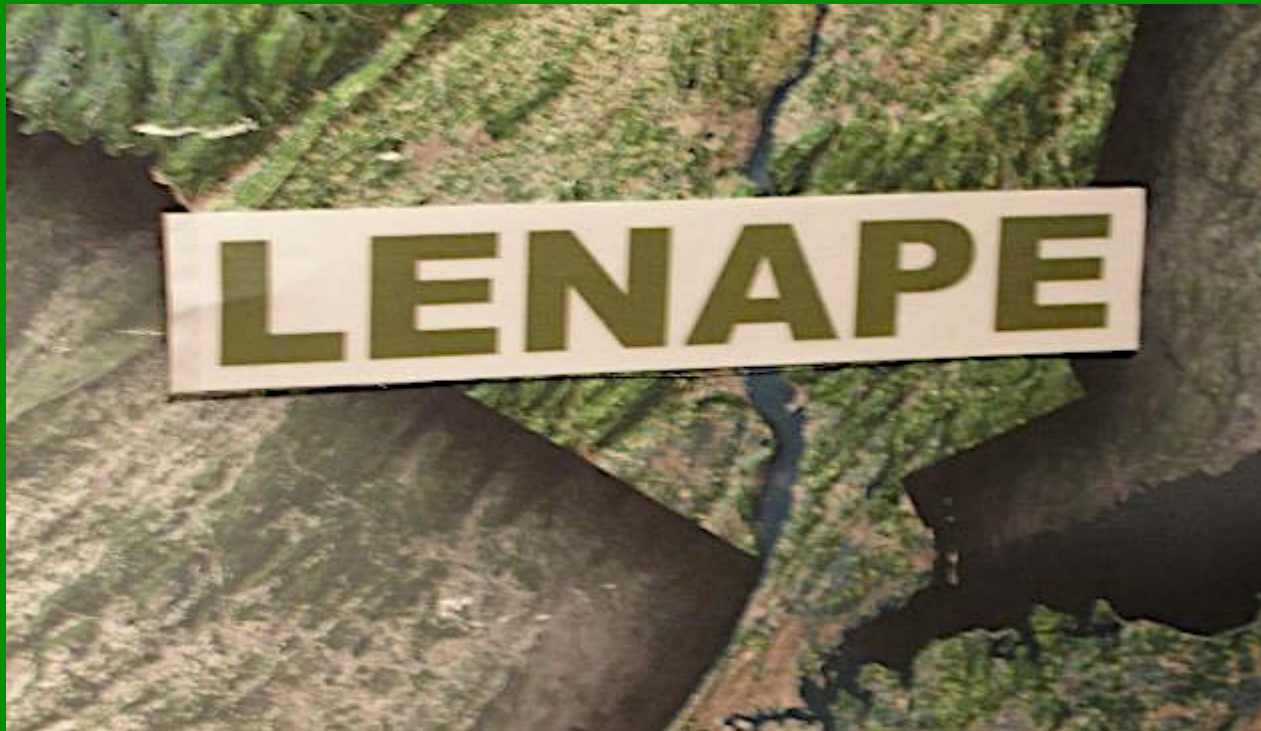
☞ This shows names of places Native Americans named. As you can see, barely any of them are similar to modern day names. (At least in New York.)



Manhattan is one of the places in New York that is actually named after Native Americans. It was called Mannahatta by the Lenape (or Delaware) tribe who inhabited the New York area. They also inhabited Pennsylvania and Delaware.

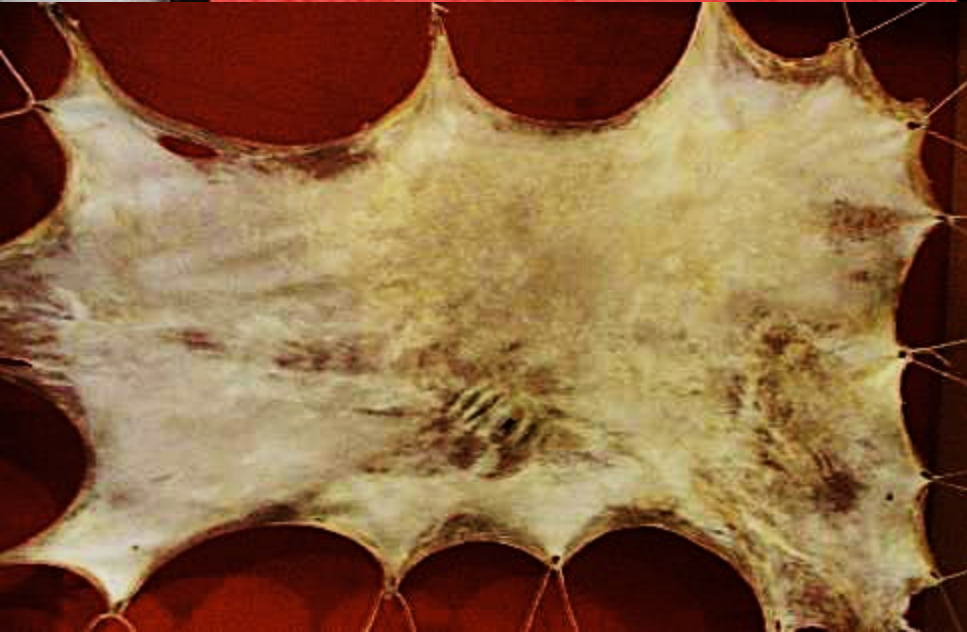
Lenape

☞ The Lenape tribe was one of the major tribes in New York. They now live in reserves



In the 1600s over 16,000 Lenape were in New York, in eighty different settlements. The name Lenape means pure and original. The majority of today's Lenape live in Oklahoma, far away from their homeland in New York. Much of their trading during the early 17th century was all about the valuable fur that they possessed.

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Native Americans In New York- Where have they gone?

Native Americans were the first American settlers. They came to the Americas far before Christopher Columbus and all the other Europeans came along. When I was researching for my topic I was surprised to find that there was not a large native legacy. I was wondering, if Native Americans were never killed off (largely), then what would our world be now? What would New York look like? Truthfully, I felt guilty, and I wanted the legacy of Native Americans to be publicized to show what we have done to get power. The genocide that the native Americans faced killed more than eleven million people. Because they were mostly killed and lots of American didn't like them and treated them like slaves they couldn't make a legacy. It really is a tragedy because Native Americans were the first Americans, but according to my research, at least in New York, they barely had a influence on our culture. We were much more influenced by the British and other European countries than by those whose land we stole.

Also when I was researching my topic I barely found anything that commemorated the Native Americans. We have lots of statues and plaques commemorating Greeks, and we have thousands of statues and parks and buildings named after presidents. But I found one, ONE statues honoring Native Americans. Same thing with money.(Not about the Greeks.) Almost all money is named after presidents. Great presidents, but presidents nonetheless. ONE gold dollar coin is named after Sacagawea. And there is even a controversy about whether or not it should it should be minted . The Sacagawea Gold Coin, as I mentioned earlier is sometimes called the Native American dollar. You can't call the George Washington one dollar bill, the presidential bill, because there are too many presidents to call it that. There is only one piece of money named after a Native American.

An unknown Native American legacy. We destroyed their past and their present, and we clouded it with darkness. But I hope we will brighten their future.