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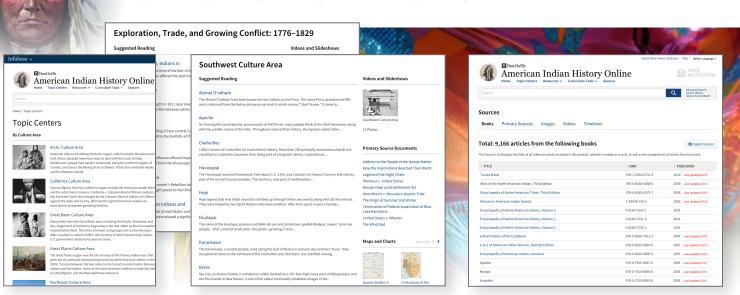
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Arctic Culture Area
American Indians inhabiting the Arctic region, which includes the Aleut and Inuit tribes, adopted numerous ways to deal with the harsh climate. Settlements spread from eastern Greenland, along the northern regions of Canada, and across the Bering Strait to Siberia. Tribes also inhabited Alaska and the Aleutian Islands.

California Culture Area
Famous figures from the California region include the resistance leader Marin and the artist Harry Fonseca. California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, a key Supreme Court case brought by the Cabazon Band of Indians of California against the state and county, affirmed the right of American Indians on reservations to operate gambling facilities.

Great Basin Culture Area
Many tribes from the Great Basin area, including the Paiute, Shoshone, and Ute, staged acts of resistance beginning in the mid-1800s as American settlers moved farther West. The influx of miners and groups such as the Mormons often resulted in violent conflict, the memory of which would strain Indian–U.S. government relations for years to come.

Great Plains Culture Area
The Great Plains region was the site of many of the famous Indian wars that grew out of continued westward expansion by white American settlers in the 1800s. Tension between the two sides can be traced to early clashes between Indians and fur traders. Some of the most infamous conflicts include the Battle of Little Bighorn and the Wounded Knee Massacre.

Northeast Culture Area

Southwest Culture Area

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Akimel O'odham
The Akimel O'odham have been known by non-Indians as the Pima. The name Pima, pronounced PEE-mah, is derived from the Native phrase pi-nyi-match, which means "I don't know." It came to...

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Southwest Culture Area
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Primary Source Documents

Havasupai
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Legend of the Night Chant
Montoya v. United States
Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act
New Mexico v. Mescalero Apache Tribe

Hopi
Hopi legend tells how tribal ancestors climbed up through three cave worlds along with all the animals. They were helped by two Spirit Masters who were brothers. After time spent in each chamber...

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Hualapai
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United States v. Wheeler
The Wind God

Karankawa
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Joe Medicine Crow Showing a Drum to President Barack Obama

Joe Medicine Crow, veteran of World War II and tribal historian for the Crow Nation, stands with President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and others before the ceremony to award him the Presidential Medal of Freedom on August 12, 2009.

Source: White House.

Self-Determination and the Red Power Movement   13 of 15 slides

Jumper, Betty Mae Tiger

Betty Mae Tiger Jumper is pictured at the Seminole Indian Agency in Hollywood, Florida, in September 1961. In 1967, Jumper, a pioneering health care worker for whom the tribal medical center is named, became the first woman tribal chair of the Seminole.

Source: Courtesy AP Images, Wide World Photo.

Arctic Culture Area   1 of 15 slides

Inuit Children Sewing

In this early 1900s photograph, Inuit children sew and knit. Missionaries and schools attempted to assimilate Inuit and into non-Native society—often by teaching the children were wrong.

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