



Native American Tribes: Mohawk



The Mohawks are a Native American tribe in New York and Canada. They are one of the original five member tribes of the Iroquois League, which was formed around 1600. Today, they are the largest tribe in the League.

The Mohawks signed a treaty with the British during the 1700s. Because of the treaty, many Mohawks fought on the British side during the American Revolution and the War of 1812.



Mohawk leader Joseph Brant, or Thayendanegea. He led the Mohawk people to settle in Canada after the American Revolution



Longhouse

The Mohawk lived in bark covered houses called longhouses. The longhouses were large enough for several families. Members of the tribe are organized into three clans, called the Wolf, Bear and Turtle clans.

The Mohawks were hunters and farmers. They hunted deer and other animals. They planted crops, such as corn, beans and squash.



A group of Mohawks in traditional clothing meet with Montreal officials in 1869.

Quick Quiz

Where do the Mohawk live today?

New York and Canada

What are the clans of the Mohawk?

Wolf, Bear and Turtle

Which side did many Mohawk fight on during the American Revolution?

The British

The Mohawk belong to what league?

Iroquois

Secret Code Phrase

Use the secret code to find a phrase about the Mohawk. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

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Secret code

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| 1 = A | 4 = D | 7 = G | 10 = J | 13 = M | 16 = P | 19 = S | 22 = V | 25 = Y |
| 2 = B | 5 = E | 8 = H | 11 = K | 14 = N | 17 = Q | 20 = T | 23 = W | 26 = Z |
| 3 = C | 6 = F | 9 = I | 12 = L | 15 = O | 18 = R | 21 = U | 24 = X | |

