



November is Native American Heritage Month

EVERYONE'S HISTORY MATTERS:

Native American Heritage Month, celebrated in November, "concludes the traditional harvest season of Native American Indians and was generally a time of celebration and giving thanks."⁴

Of the 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States, Wampanoag is a Tribal Nation made up of 69 villages scattered throughout present-day Rhode Island and Massachusetts.² Like indigenous groups everywhere, the Wampanoag had a reciprocal relationship with nature and believed that if they gave thanks to the bountiful world, it would give back to them.

Long before the arrival of the Pilgrims, the Wampanoag Nation held frequent Thanksgiving-like celebrations, giving thanks in the form of feasts and ceremonial games (also known as Autumn Harvest). The traditional Thanksgiving story, often told, is deeply rooted in America's curriculum and is not all-encompassing. The origin of Thanksgiving is rooted in the Native American Indian culture. Remember, everyone's history matters!

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