

Native American Cultures

MPM Trivia



Grab some friends or family and challenge yourselves with Milwaukee Public Museum trivia about Native American cultures! It's a fun way to learn from MPM remotely, since all the questions are based on Museum exhibits, programming, and research about North American indigenous peoples. **You can explore many of these topics further at www.mpm.edu.** Share photos (or screenshots!) on social media of you and loved ones playing with **#MPMWhatWillYouFind**. Have fun!

1. What material did Native American groups like the Ojibwe often use as the outer covering of a canoe?

- a. The premise is incorrect; they didn't use canoes.
- b. Maple bark
- c. Birchbark
- d. A naturally occurring fiberglass from the forest



2. All Native Americans live on reservations.

- a. True
- b. False

3. What is a cradleboard?

- a. A type of Native American baby carrier which, in the Woodlands and Plains areas, included a flat, wooden backboard
- b. A committee for identifying safe cradles
- c. A piece of sports equipment
- d. A tool for skinning animals



4. The archaeological site Aztalan, located in Wisconsin:

- a. Was built by aliens.
- b. Was completely isolated from other groups of Native Americans in North America.
- c. Is not particularly notable.
- d. Included large temples, mounds, houses, and an enormous stockade that surrounded a village of more than 20 acres.

5. The ranges of different indigenous groups can and do cross contemporary state or international boundaries.

- a. True
- b. False

6. Masks made by the Kwakiutl of the Pacific northwest coast:

- a. Were playthings for children.
- b. They did not make masks.
- c. Were a part of social, religious, and political life.
- d. Were worn only at midnight.



7. Items created by Native American cultures:

- a. Have never changed, ever.
- b. Sometimes combined European trade goods with Native design.
- c. Have completely faded away.
- d. Have no traditions regarding who, within the tribe, makes certain crafts.

8. What is flintknapping?

- a. A posture for sleeping during the day specific to certain Native American cultures
- b. A way to create sparks to start a fire
- c. A practice for locating Flint, Michigan without a map
- d. A process for creating blades and projectile points out of stone



9. Which of the following statements about the sport of lacrosse is false?

- a. It was traditionally a men's game.
- b. It was originally played with a ball bigger than a volleyball.
- c. It was played primarily by tribes in the eastern part of North America.
- d. Lacrosse is still played today.

10. The cut marks on MPM's Hebior Mammoth show that:

- a. Mammoths had knife-fights.
- b. Mammoths bit each other.
- c. There were a lot of sharp rocks lying around during the Ice Age.
- d. Humans interacted with mammoths.

11. Aztalan is the largest and most significant archaeological site in Wisconsin.

- a. True
- b. False



12. What is a snow snake?

- a. A snake feared by many Native American groups
- b. A tool for removing snow
- c. An object from a winter sport played by many Native American cultures
- d. A Whitesnake going down the only road they've ever know; a drifter born to walk alone