

# WRITING PROMPT

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You have read about how Native Americans invented a lot of things we still use today. You will write an **informational essay** about this topic. Explain **about three Native American inventions**. Be sure to include facts and details from the passage to write your essay.

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Independent Practice

Reading

Native American Inventions from Scholastic News

WORDS TO KNOW  
As you read, look  
online, around, and  
beyond these  
words to figure out  
what they mean:  
• hammocks  
• kayak  
• maple

1. There are many different groups of Native Americans. Look at all the things they invented!

Native Americans invented 3D

2. Have you seen a coat like this before? It is a parka. It has a warm, furry hood. Native Americans were the first to make parkas. What else did they invent?

Maple Syrup

3. Native Americans were the first to get syrup from maple trees. They let the sap of the maple tree drip into pots. Then, they boiled the sap until it turned into syrup.

4. The Native Americans who invented hammocks lived on hot islands. It is easy to keep cool on a hammock.

Lacrosse

5. Have you ever seen people play lacrosse? Native Americans invented this sport. It is played all over the world. Players throw and catch a ball with special sticks.

Kayaks

6. The Native Americans who invented kayaks lived by the water. Kayaks are a great way to travel over water. Today, people love to race kayaks. It is even a sport in the Olympics!



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