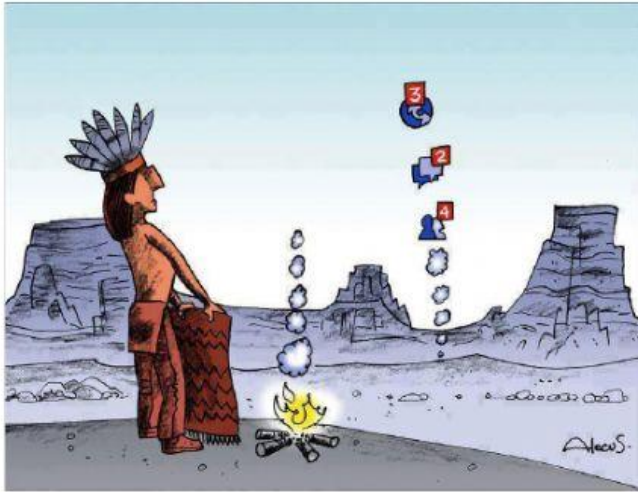


Keeping in Touch (1)



People have always “talked” to each other from far away. But they did not always have telephones. They used different ways to get in touch with each other. Native Americans used smoke signals, controlling puffs of smoke of different sizes, to communicate with distant

groups in their tribes. They built a fire on a hill. They waved a wet blanket over the fire in patters. The smoke rose in the air. People far away could “read” the patterns it made. For example, they would use smoke signals to warn of attacks planned by other tribes or to communicate important news, such as the death of a king or queen. They are sometimes still used for ceremonial purposes.

What does Native Americans used to communicate with distant groups?

What kind of information did they want to communicate?

What is a patter?

Do they still used that signals to communicate? Give 2 examples
