

Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).



The story of the Native Americans - or American Indians – is one that is unique, tragic and inspiring. It is unique because the Indians were the original inhabitants of the American continent and experienced every phase of its European settlement. It is tragic because the conflict between the Indians and whites looks like the same for peoples throughout the world meeting with industrialized societies. It is an inspiring story because the Native Americans, although lost much of their land in the 19th century, have survived, and have succeeded in saving their identity and culture despite the attacks of modern civilization.

Today Native Americans are full citizens of the United States. They are proud of their own cultural heritage, which they are trying to protect and maintain.

Marks of that heritage can be found all over the United States. Many of the names on United States maps like Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, and Kansas- are Indian words. The Indians taught the Europeans how to cultivate crops such as corn, tomatoes, potatoes, tobacco.

About half of the Indians in the United States live in large cities and rural areas throughout the country. The remainder lives in about 300 federal reservations (land set aside for their use).

Today, there is about 1,4 million Native Americans, which is believed to be more than there was when the first European explorers arrived in the New World.

1. American Indians never experienced pressure from European settlers. **T (true) F (false)**
2. The Indians have lost all their lands. **T (true) F (false)**
3. Modern civilization didn't manage to destroy the Indians' heritage. **T (true) F (false)**
4. Europeans taught the Indians how to grow tomatoes. **T (true) F (false)**
5. Today large cities host about 2/3 of the Native Americans. **T (true) F (false)**