

How Many Nations has this Nation been? Culture Exploration Kit



sample items from the kit

Explore American's history from the pre-Columbian nations through to today. Kit illuminates the diverse Indigenous nations, territories, colonizing nations, and failed autonomous countries of the 1800s that eventually came under one flag to be known as the United States of America. Native American items representing each of the 10 cultural/geographic regions, plus items from the indigenous peoples of Puerto Rico, Guam and Hawaii are included. (Due the natural preponderance of Native American items the kit can be used to teach Native American history in depth and materials allow for an Oregon focus if desired.) Teachers who want to challenge students can use the entire kit to paint an inclusive picture of the formation of one nation from what was once many; period items representing the 6 European nations that displaced indigenous nations are also included, as are maps following territorial changes from pre-Colombian times through the present, including the changes from historic to present-day tribal homelands. The material follows a loose chronology without judgment and acknowledges areas of controversy. Information sourced from each group is presented as often as possible. The kit also covers a large span of time with pre-Colombian items, vintage items and modern items. CMLC Info Cards with intriguing facts and cultural histories on each item, as well books, storybooks, articles and lesson plans are included.

Highlights of this kit: Southwestern Dine Sand Painting, Pine-needle basket, Subarctic Birch-bark basket, California Chumash granite metate, Seneca Cornhusk Doll, contemporary Powwow Regalia Ribbon Straight Dance Shirt, Inuit Leather Wind Mask, Plateau Arrowheads, Hawaiian Quilt Block, Pre-Colombian Puerto Rican Taino Pottery Fragment, New Sweden Viking-era Brooch, English Colonies tankard from Williamsburg, VA, Netherland Colonies Delftware tile, French ceramic jar, Russian Khokhloma cups.

Age suggestions: 3rd grade –Adult

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