



Compton's by Britannica Publishes "Native Peoples of the Americas"

Curriculum-correlated book covers popular topic for grades 6-12

CHICAGO, February 18, 2010—Students interested in the indigenous peoples and cultures of North, South and Central America now have a handy, attractive and up-to-date source for the subject in "Native Peoples of the Americas," a new book published under the Compton's by Britannica imprint of Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

The 128-page volume, aligned to the school curriculum for grades 6-12, recounts the history of Native Americans beginning with the Ice Age and covering traditional native cultures before and after European contact. An extensive concluding section surveys Native American society today, touching on economic conditions, political activism, cultural preservation, contemporary arts and other topics. Leading Native American figures from Geronimo and Sequoyah to contemporary author Louise Erdrich are featured, and sidebars highlight select topics such as Cliff Dwellings, Thule Culture and Grand Medicine Society for special treatment. A convenient one-page key lists the major native peoples for easy reference.

The book is lavishly illustrated with hundreds of maps and images, the majority of them in color. It treats the native peoples of all areas of the Western Hemisphere, carefully explaining the differences in culture, history and social organization in each region. Major topics such as language, religion, the arts and sports and games get thorough treatment.

"Our aim was to produce a volume that would help teachers teach about native peoples and invite students to learn about them," said Anthony Green, editor of the

book and of the [Compton's by Britannica](#) encyclopedia. "We've tried to make the writing stimulating, the coverage relevant, and the book visually striking. I think readers will enjoy it."

The book is part of Compton's by Britannica's "Learn & Explore" series of single-volume titles for students in the middle and upper grades. Other titles in the series include "[The American Presidency](#)," "[Earth's Changing Environment](#)" and "[New Views of the Solar System](#)."

Schools or libraries interested in "Native Peoples of the Americas" or any other Britannica product can call (800) 621-3900 or go to <http://info.eb.com>.

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