

Tennessee Studies Weekly

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OUR PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES



A Multicultural Party

Ms. Johnson will have a class party. It is about multiculturalism. This means many different cultures living within a community or state.

Rev will talk about two native tribes. His friends will talk about other cultures. They will all learn about the different people that live in our state.

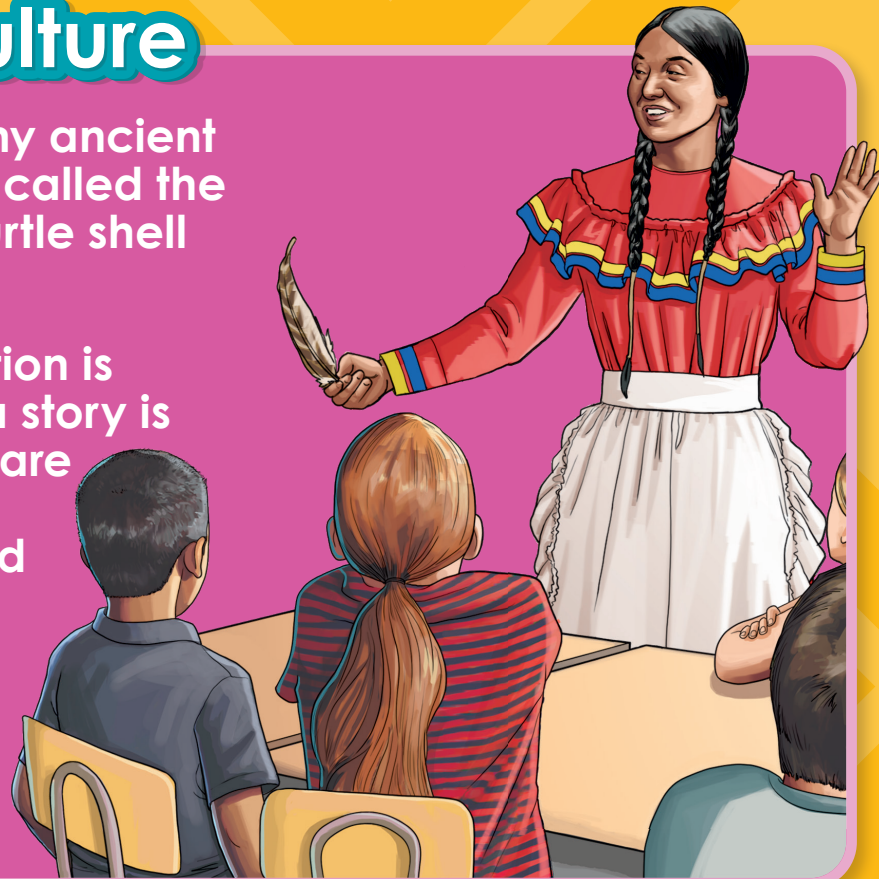
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Chickasaw Culture

The Chickasaw have many ancient traditions. One of them is called the stomp dance. They use turtle shell rattles when they dance.

Another Chickasaw tradition is storytelling. This is when a story is told by someone. They share stories from their people.

These are passed down from one generation to the next.



Cherokee Culture

The Cherokee still make clothing such as tear dresses and ribbon shirts. They also make beautiful baskets.

The American Indians are part of Tennessee culture.



African American Culture



African Americans are an important part of our culture. They made the blues popular. Bessie Smith was a blues singer. She was born in Tennessee. They called her the Empress of the Blues.



Scotch-Irish Culture

The Scotch-Irish are part of our culture. They came to our state many years ago. Their cooks made holes in small cakes. This was to keep bad spirits away. This is where the idea for doughnuts comes from.

Tennessee is a multicultural state. We have many different cultures. What other cultures can you find in our state and communities?



Name _____

Match the picture of the cultural tradition with the name



African American blues



Cherokee baskets



Chickasaw storytelling

Read the following sentences. Circle yes if the sentence is correct. Circle no if the sentence is not correct.

1. Multiculturalism means many cultures.

yes

no

3. The Chickasaw make tear dresses.

yes

no

2. Bessie Smith was called the Empress of the Blues

yes

no

4. Tennessee has people from many cultures.

yes

no