

# Native American Powwows

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Some Native Americans hold powwows today. These powwows are held in many places in our country. Powwows are like fairs. They show people about Native American ways.

At powwows, Native Americans do special dances. The dances are like those from long ago. They tell stories from long ago. The dancers dress as Native Americans once did.

Other people cook Native American foods such as corn soup and fry bread. Long ago, Native Americans made baskets and carvings. Today Native Americans make them to sell at powwows. Powwows teach other people how Native Americans used to live.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What can you learn at a powwow?

- A. how the Native Americans came to America
- B. how Native Americans live *today*
- C. how Native Americans lived *in the past*

2. The passage describes Native American powwows.

Which of the following is true about when powwows are held?

- A. Powwows were only held a long time ago.
- B. Powwows are held today.
- C. Powwows are only held during the winter.

3. At powwows, Native Americans do special dances like those from long ago. These dances tell stories from long ago. What does this information tell us about powwows?

- A. Powwows teach people which dances Native Americans don't like.
- B. Powwows teach people what songs Native Americans like to sing.
- C. Powwows teach people what Native American life was like long ago.

4. What is "Native American Powwows" mainly about?

- A. how Native Americans live now
- B. what powwows are like
- C. how Native Americans used to live

5. What are two Native American foods that are cooked at a powwow?

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6. What did you learn from "Native American Powwows"?

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**7. Class Discussion Question:** Explain how powwows teach people how Native Americans used to live. Use information from the text to support your answer.

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**8.** Draw a picture of a powwow.