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Thanksgiving, Native American Tribes, and Geography

The story of Thanksgiving is one that many Americans love to hear and retell. The Pilgrims came to America on the Mayflower in 1620. They suffered many hardships the first winter. The Wampanoag tribe helped the Pilgrims survive. The Pilgrims wanted to celebrate their first harvest and the Wampanoag joined them.

The first Thanksgiving feast was long ago. Sometimes people believe that Native Americans only lived long ago. That is not true! Native Americans live all across the U.S. They go to school, work, visit friends and family, travel, and play sports. Find out where the highest populations of Native Americans live in the U.S. Use the map and the data table.

The U.S. States with the Largest Native American Populations

(according to the 1990 census.gov)

State	Population
Arizona	203,009
California	236,078
Michigan	56,131
New Mexico	134,097
New York	60,855
North Carolina	79,825
Oklahoma	252,089
South Dakota	50,501
Texas	64,349
Washington	77,627

Directions:

1. Examine the data table. Locate the ten states on the map. Color the states.
2. Do you notice a pattern? What can you infer from the data and map display? Write your answer on the back of this page. Be prepared to discuss your findings with the class.
3. Learn how the Native American population is changing by visiting census.gov with your teacher or a parent. Type "Infographics & Visualizations" into the census.gov search bar.

