

WE ARE STILL HERE!



The Abenaki (pronounced Ah be na key) people live in the woods on land that we call Wobanakik (pronounced Wo ba nak ik) which means the Dawnland. We call it that because it is in the East where the sun

rises in the morning. Today that same land is called Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine and Quebec. Long ago, we got everything we need from the woods. We would hunt, fish and gather the things we needed to survive. Today our lives are very much like yours. We live in houses, wear blue jeans, drive cars and work at jobs like everyone else. We still sing, dance and tell stories like our families used to do long ago.

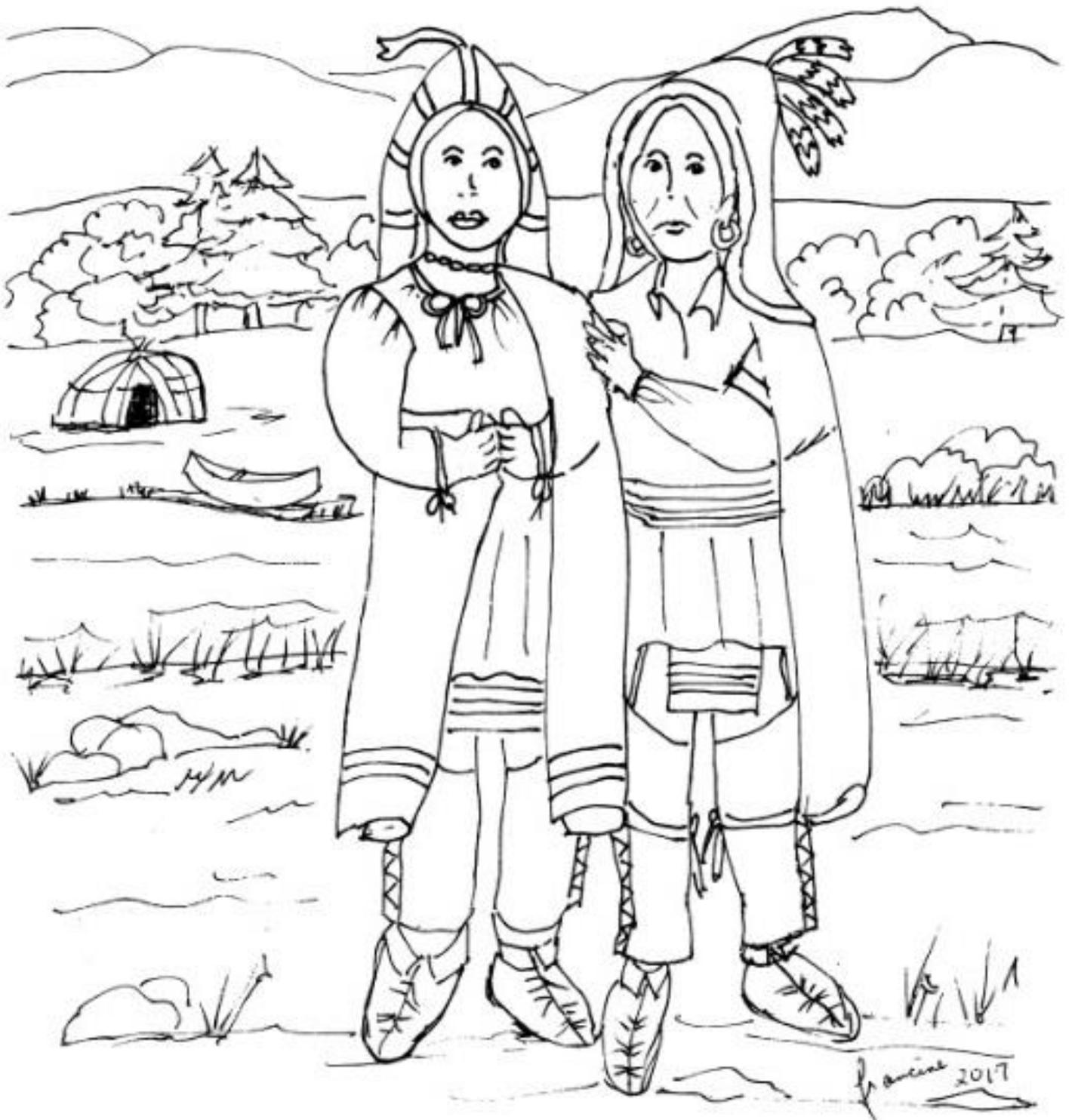
Talk with your class. You may learn that you know some Abenakis. Maybe they are in your school or live in your town.



The coloring pages in this book will show you how we used to dress a long time ago.



Abenaki Girl



18th Century Abenaki Couple



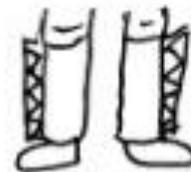
19th Century Abenaki Chief

Use some of your sight words and write about the clothes you like to wear.
After you write your sentence, draw a picture of yourself wearing the clothes.

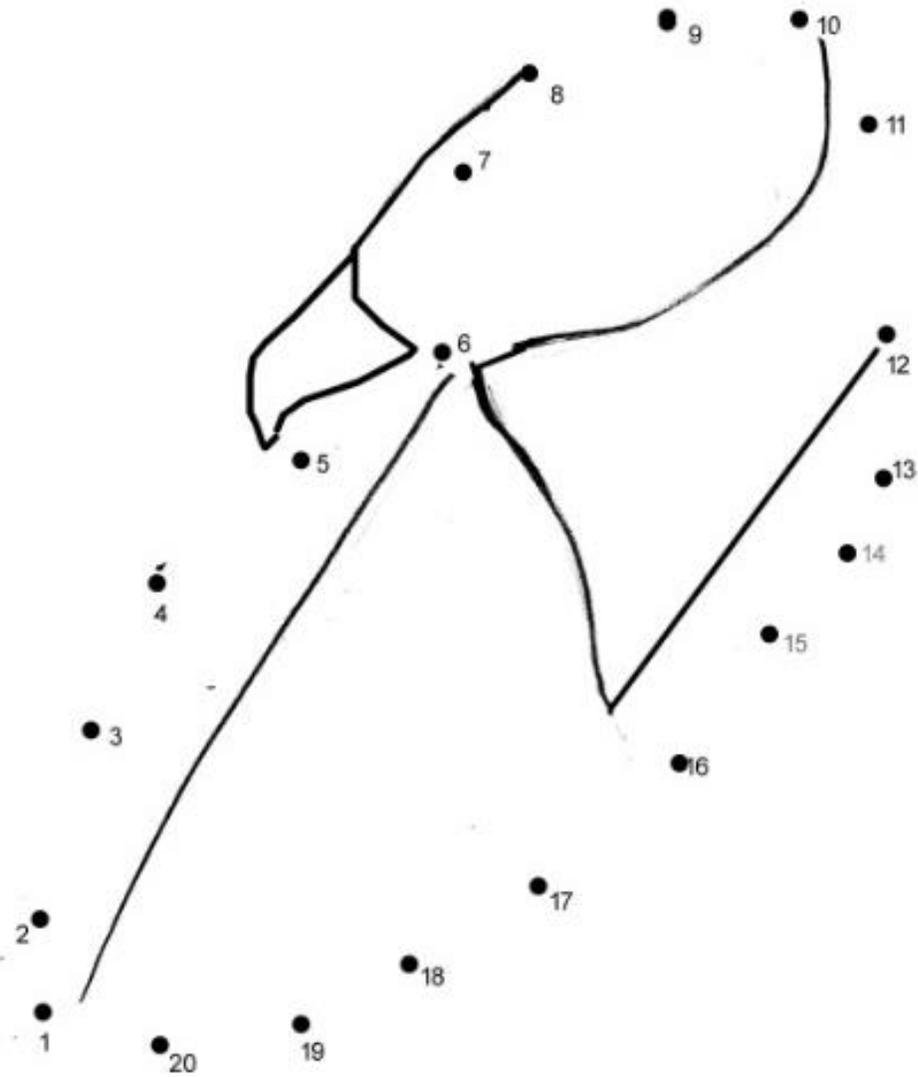


This is me!

Draw a line to match what the Abenaki wore a long time ago to what they wear now.



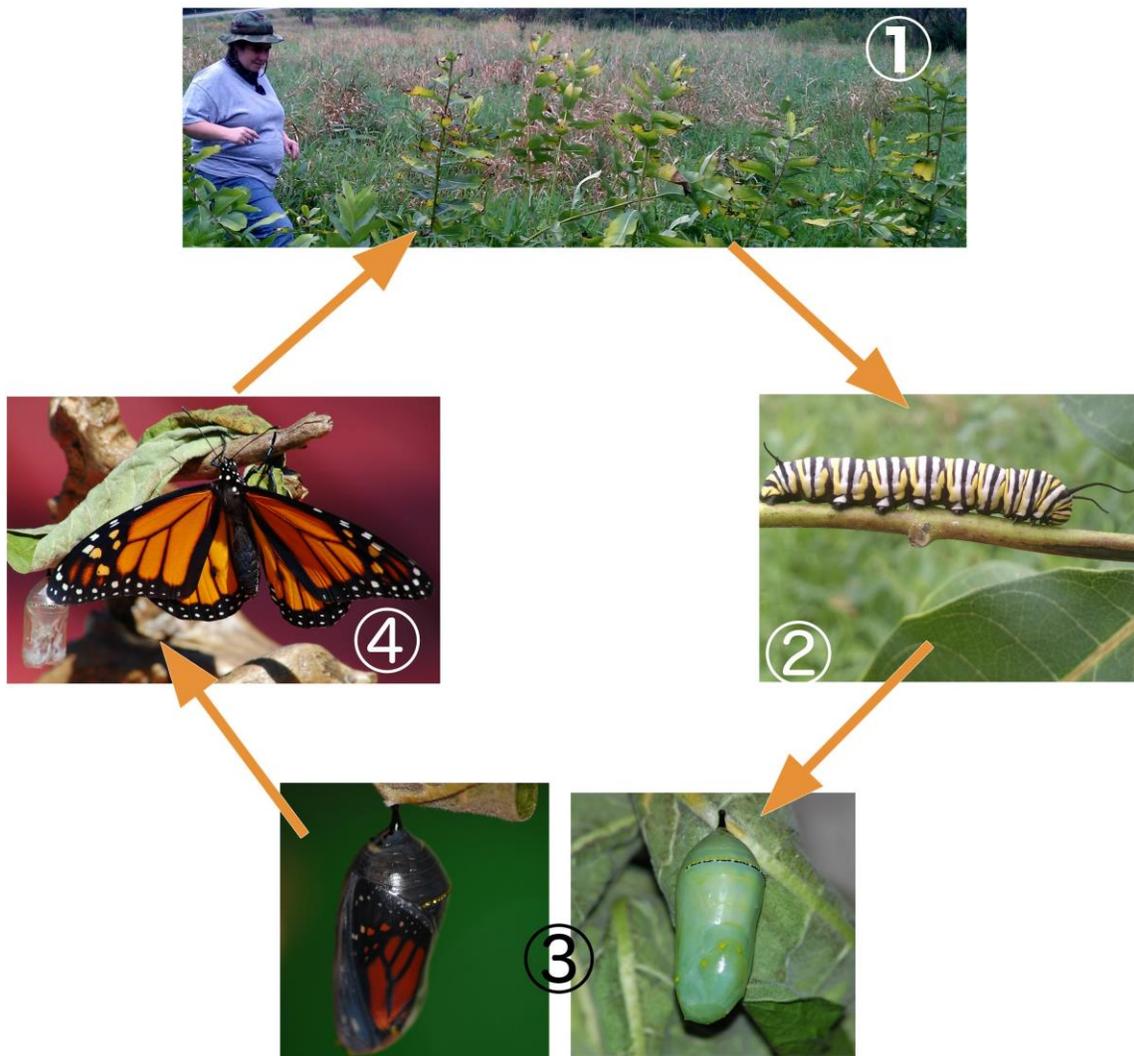
Connect the dots



What is it?

HABITATS ARE HOMES

I am an Abenaki artist. I live in the same habitat as many plants and animals. A **habitat** is where an animal or person can find food, water, and a safe place to live. I make bags and baskets from milkweed plants. Some animals only have one habitat, like the **monarch butterfly**. Monarch butterflies use the **milkweed plant** for habitat. First, the mother lays her **eggs** on the leaves of the plant. Next, a **caterpillar** will hatch from its egg. It will eat the milkweed leaves until it is big enough to make a **chrysalis**. Inside, the caterpillar slowly changes into a **butterfly**! One day the butterfly breaks out of the chrysalis, stretches its wings and flies away. It is important to protect the monarch butterflies so I wait until they all hatch before I gather the plants to make my baskets.



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