

IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY STUDY GUIDE

1. What are the 5 original First Nations in the Iroquois confederacy and what are their roles/ nicknames?

2. What is the Great Law of Peace?

3. What is the Tree of Peace?

4. What is a wampum?

5. How do men participate in government in the Iroquois Confederacy?

6. How do women participate in government in the Iroquois Confederacy?

7. What is consensus?

8. Name 2 pros and 2 cons of consensus:

9. What does "Iroquois" mean?

10. What is oral tradition?

11. What's a matriarchy?

12. What is collective identity?

13. What's the clan system? Name 3 animals that they were named after:

Sample questions:

1. The members of the Iroquois Confederacy placed a great deal of value on things like equality and fairness, and these values were reflected in the Iroquois Confederacy by establishing
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D) a democratic style of government.

2.

- Mohawk
- Seneca
- Oneida
- Onondaga
- Cayuga
- Tuscarora

The Peacemaker gathered the nations shown above and they together created a confederacy based on no longer hurting each other and using logic and reason to create rules and a system of government to make decisions that helped all the nations and maintained peace.

The principle that helped maintain peace and created a system of government for the confederacy was called:

B) The Gayaneshakgowa (Great Law of Peace).



3. The photo shown above is best described as which of the following?
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B) Wampum belt

4. Role of men and women in the Iroquois Confederacy:

C) Men made the decisions in the Grand Council of the Iroquois Confederacy but women retained the right and power as clan mothers to decide which men could be appointed as chiefs and decision makers for their clan.

Clan mothers of the Iroquois Confederacy led clans.

Clan mothers of the Iroquois Confederacy appointed clan chiefs.

Men served in the government of the Iroquois Confederacy.

Only Men could serve as clan chiefs.

5. The Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) Confederacy was created with the goals of doing which of the following?

A) Ending the war and conflict between some aboriginal North American nations and creating a partnership among these nations.

6. Mrs. Gibson creates a surprise quiz on the Iroquois Confederacy for her Grade 6 Social Studies class. One of the questions on the quiz is: "What was a wampum?"

Bailey: 'Wampum belts were strings made of beads with different colours and textures. The patterns made with the coloured and textured beads reminded the wampum keeper of events recorded on the wampum which he told to his clan.'

7. A general agreement reached by all (or most) parties involved in a discussion would be called a/an:

A) consensus

Pros	Cons
Allows a fair decision to be reached.	Time consuming.
Creates a decision which is acceptable to all	Decisions are sometimes unable to be reached.
Allows equal input of all affected by the decision.	Decisions cannot always be made in a timely fashion.
Respects the needs and right of all involved in the decision making process.	Requires organization and full participation.

8. The use of consensus as a way of making decisions by the Haudenosaunee reflected their beliefs that:

A) all people are equal and it is only fair that the needs and opinions of all people are considered.

Speaker from the Cayuga Bear Clan:

"Using this method to make a decision made sure that the needs of all the nations were met."

Speaker from the Mohawk Deer Clan:

"Using this technique to reach a decision sometimes took several days to come up with a solutions which was fair and agreeable to everyone."

Speaker from the Seneca Beaver Clan:

"Making a decision this way allowed every clan and nation to be able to share their ideas and thoughts."

Speaker from the Oneida Turtle Clan:

"We met and talked and discussed what to do at great length and had a fair solution created, but, by the time we had all agreed to a solution, it was too late for the actions we chose."

9. Refer to the information above.

The narrative from the speaker from the Cayuga Bear Clan and the speaker from the Seneca Beaver Clan both speak of one advantage to using consensus as a decision making method which is:

C) opinions of all clans/nations are given equal consideration.

10. Refer to the information in question 9.

The speaker from the Mohawk Deer Clan and the Oneida Turtle Clan both refer to one of the problems with using consensus as a decision making model. This problem can be summarized as:

A) Time.

11. The Iroquois Confederacy protected the collective rights of its six nations by:

A) uniting them into one larger nation where there was strength in numbers.

12. The Iroquois Confederacy, the union of the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora, functioned because members of the confederation created laws to protect the rights of all members of the Confederacy and also created a:

representative style democracy called the Grand Council.

13. _____ of the Iroquois Confederacy helped to prevent any one nation (of the Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Seneca, Cayuga or Tuscarora) from attempting to take over the Confederacy.

The clan system.