

The Mark of Uncas

A Guide for Further Study and Research

READING MATERIALS

Note: Some of these materials may be out of print. Most, however, are available through libraries, used book stores, or through used book dealers on the internet.

Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists and the Ecology of New England.

William Cronon; Hil and Wang; New York, 1983.

An invaluable resource for understanding the natural and cultural geography of New England and how the landscape reflects the conflict in cultural values and practices of the Native tribes and the immigrants from England and Europe. Contains original documents. Notes refer to little-known sources.

Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World.

Mark Kurlandsky; Walker and Company; New York, 1997.

An account of the significance of the cod for the pre-Columbian Native tribes of the Northeast and its significance in exploration and settlement of the region by Europeans. A unique perspective on economy and culture.

The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences.

Alfred W. Crosby, Jr.; Greenwood Press; Westport, CT, 1973.

A thoughtful scholarly discussion of the profound impact of contact between the Native tribes of North and South America and European explorers and settlers. Contains notes, excellent bibliography, and comparative tables and charts.

Custer Died For Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto.

Vine Deloria, Jr.; University of Oklahoma Press; Norman, OK, 1988.

This remains a pivotal work in understanding the forces and issues behind the American Indian Movement of the 1960's and 70's. It is a useful "special assignment" reading for high school and undergraduate students.

Folk Medicine of the Delaware and Related Algonkian Indians.

Gradys Tantaquidgeon; Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission; Harrisburg, PA, 1972.

This book explains traditional Mohegan and Delaware medicinal cures, omens, dream beliefs, ceremonies and other sacred practices.

The Indian Heritage of America.

Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.; Houghton Mifflin Company; Boston, 1991.

An update of the highly respected classic in Indian studies, it is a useful introductory text suitable for high school and collegiate students. The book covers North and South America from earliest evidence of the continents' Native peoples to the 20th century. Statistics, charts, maps, collection of historic drawings and photography, extensive bibliography.

Makiawisug: The Gift of the Little People.

Melissa Fawcett and Joe Bruchac; Little People Publications; Mohegan Tribe, 1997.

This book contains traditional Mohegan stories life ways, and oral tradition. A biography of Gladys Tantaquidgeon includes information on how Mohegan traditions have been passed on and how they influence the life of contemporary American Indian tribes in Connecticut. Suitable for middle, high school and collegiate students.

Medicine Trail: The Life and Lessons of Gladys Tantaquidgeon.

Melissa Fawcett, University of Arizona Press, Tucson, AZ, 2000.

The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity.

Jill Lepore; Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.; New York, 1998.

A critical work for understanding the collision of Native and European cultures. Thorough, readable . Excellent primary source documents and notes.

Indian New England before the Mayflower.

Howard S. Russel; University Press of New England; Hanover, NH, 1980.

A readable and thorough discussion of the establish Native trival life the European and English immigrants encountered in the 16th and 17th centuries. Quality maps, many drawings or artifacts, some photographs, original documents.

The Lasting of the Mohegans, Part 1.

Melissa Jayne Fawcett; The Mohegan Tribe; Pequot Press, Ledyard, CT 1995.

An excellent introductory history of the Mohegan Tribe from the perspective of the tribe, focusing on the people, cultural values and practices, and lands of the Tribe. Quality drawings and photos, original documents. Useful bibliography. Suitable for middle, high school and collegiate students.

The Native Americans: An Illustrated History.

David Hurst Thomas, et al; Turner Publishing; Atlanta, GA 1993.

This book covers the history and culture of Native Americans from pre-Columbian times to contemporary issues. Written by respected scholars of Native American history and culture. Contemporar art by Native American artists, fine historic photos, drawings, maps, written documentation of Native speakers and others. Quality notes and bibliography. This is an appealing book for middle, high school and collegiate students.

The Native Americans of Connecticut—Holding On and Moving Forward: Teacher Resource Guide.

Kathleen A. Hunter; Connecticut State Department of Education; Hartford, CT 2000.

This Guide was developed with education and tribal leaders in Connecticut. It presents key ideas in the pre-Columbian and European colonization history of the Native peoples of Connecticut, and model lessons for elementary, middle and high school students. Artifacts, original documents and maps are used in the lessons.

Northeastern Indian Lives: 1632-1816.

Robert S. Grumet; University of Massachusetts Press; Amherst, MA 1996.

This is a collection of essays on 15 American Indian people who influenced the history of their tribe and the region. A number of maps, some visuals, original documents. References that direct readers to little-known sources.

The Peopling of America: A Timeline of Events that Helped Shape Our Nation.

Martha M. Hanna and Allan S. Kullen, editors; Americans All; The Portfolio Project, Inc.; Beltsville MD, 1996.

The Pequots in Southern New England: The fall and Rise of An American Indian Nation.

Laurence M. Hauptman and James D. Wherry, editors; University of Oklahoma Press; Norman, OK, 1990.

A definitive, yet readable, work that explores many different perspectives on historic events that shaped the destiny of Connecticut's Native peoples. Contributing authors are highly regarded scholars. Orginal documentation, maps, drawings. Many essays would be suitable for high school and collegiate students.

INTERNET RESOURCES

Note: Researchers and students can search a wide range of topics about American Indians on the Internet and they will find numerous references. In addition, many American Indian Tribes now maintain web sites on their tribal history and organization. There are several excellent sites associated with long-standing American Indian organizations. One can also search a large number of topics related in general to American History, or to specific American Indian and non-Indian People. In most cases, one can use either American Indian or Native American in searching topics, but try both.

Sampler of Internet Search Topics

1. *American Indian lands*

2. *American Indian languages*
3. *American Indian history*
4. *American Indian tribes*
5. *Federal recognition of American Indian Tribes*
6. *American Indian Movement (AIM)*
7. *American Indian arts and crafts*
8. *American Indian leaders*
9. *American Indian organizations*
10. *American Indian treaties*
11. *Termination of American Indian tribes*
12. *American Indian authors*
13. *The American Frontier*
14. *King Philip's War*
15. *The French and Indian War*
16. *Treaty of Paris Proclamation Line*
17. *Indian Removals Act*
18. *Andrew Jackson*
19. *Custer Battlefied or Battle of the Little Big Horn*
20. *Pequot Wars*
21. *Delaware Indians*
22. *Iroquois Nation*
23. *Mohawks*
24. *Naraganssetts*
25. *Wampanoags*

Organization Sites

1. *National Congress of American Indians (NCAI): www.ncai.org*
2. *Native American Rights Fund: www.narf.org*
3. *National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution: www.nmai.si.edu*
4. *The Mohegan Tribe: www.mohegantribe.nsn.us*
5. *Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center: www.pequotmuseum.org*
6. *Library of Congress American Memories project: <http://memory.loc.gov/>*
7. *Connecticut Historical Society: <http://www.chs.org/>*
8. *Connecticut State Library:*

CONNECTICUT RESOURCES

Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum

1819 Norwich New London Turnpike
Montville, CT 06353
Phone: 860.862.6100

Mohegan Tribal Museum Authority

5 Crow Hill Road
Uncasville, CT
Phone: 860.862.6100
E-Mail: museum@moheganmail.com

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center

110 Pequot Trail
P.O. Box 3180
Mashuntucket, CT 06339-3180
Phone: 800.411.9671

Institute for American Indian Studies

P.O. Box 1260
38 Curtis Road
Washington, CT 06793
Phone: 860.868.0518

Connecticut Historical Society

One Elizabeth Street at Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
Tel: (860) 236-5621
Fax: (860) 236-2664
Email: ask_us@chs.org

Connecticut State Library and Archives

231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
Tel: 860-757-6565, Fax: 860-757-6503

NOTE: This resource guide draws in part from The Native Americans of Connecticut—Holding on and Moving Forward.
Resources from elementary students are not included, and additional research sources have been identified.

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