

WHY SHOULD WE LEARN ABOUT THE IROQUOIS?



The Iroquois were very important players in early colonial America. They controlled most of present-day New York, and laid claim to the entire Ohio Valley. They had a reputation as excellent warriors and even better diplomats. Both the English and the French tried to win Iroquois support whenever the Europeans went to war in the New World.

The Iroquois also call themselves the world's oldest participatory democracy. The future United States borrowed a lot of ideas from the way the Iroquois Confederacy was governed.

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