

## Chapter 3 Study Guide

### Key Concepts

Today we call the Wampanoag and other tribes “Native Americans.” Native means they were the first people to live here. Native Americans have lived here for thousands of years.

The name Wampanoag means “people of the first light,” or “people of the dawn.”

The Wampanoag people got everything they needed from nature. Here are some examples:

- The forests gave them animals to hunt.
- The oceans and rivers gave them water for fishing, drinking, cooking, washing, and traveling.
- They used stones, wood, and clay to make tools (including spears, canoes, animal traps, and bowls).
- They made their clothing out of grass, animal skin, and animal fur.

The Wampanoag believed life was given to all things. For this reason, they believed all living things should be treated with respect.

- When men cut down a tree, they offered thanks to the tree.
- When they killed an animal to eat, they thanked the animal.
- They returned the bones of fish to the ocean as a way of thanking them.
- They never lived on one piece of land for more than 10 years so that the land could replenish itself.

## Vocabulary

**sachem-** the leader of a Native American tribe

**pniese-** a Wampanoag word for “warrior”

**wetu-** a home made from wood, bark, and grasses where Native Americans lived in the spring and summer months

**longhouse-** a large home where many Native American families lived together in the winter (with holes in the ceilings so smoke from fires could escape)

**powwow-** a Native American celebration full of food, crafts, songs, and dancing

**trade-** to give something in return for something else

**native-** belonging to a place by birth