

“Birth of the Haudenosaunee” Vocabulary

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unity (noun)

The Peacemaker wanted to spread unity in the territory.

- If you want your class to have unity, you want everyone to work together and be connected to each other in a good way.
- *We showed our unity by standing up to the bully as a whole group.*
- *The strength and unity of our team helped us win the game.*
- *Sandro united with Christopher to complete the science project.*

democracy (noun)

The United States is a democracy.

- A democracy is a government by the people, where the power is held by the people. In a democracy, everyone should be equal.
- *The Haudenosaunee have the oldest democratic government on the continent of America.*
- *The United States is a democracy where the people vote to make change.*
- *My after-school club is run like a democracy.*

mourning (verb)

Hiawatha was mourning the death of his daughters.

- When someone is in mourning, it means they are very sad, usually because someone they love has died.
- *Sometimes people wear black colors to show that they are in mourning.*
- *When Jill's rabbit died, she mourned her loss.*
- *Mourning is a time of sadness.*

wampum (noun)

The Haudenosaunee use seashells to make wampum.

- Wampum is purple and white beads that come from clam shells.
- *The Haudenosaunee use wampum to tell stories, make treaties and record history.*
- *Wampum beads are strung on belts to form pictures and symbols.*
- *Wampum belts are very important to the Haudenosaunee people.*

persuading (verb)

They traveled together, persuading others to put down their weapons of war.

- When someone is persuading you, they are trying to get you to do something or think a certain way.
- *My parents persuaded me to eat my broccoli because it will make me strong.*
- *The smell of the chocolate cake persuaded me to have a piece.*
- *We persuaded grandmother to stay at the party a little longer.*

sought (verb)

The Peacemaker sought out the most evil people.

- Sought means searched. If you sought for something, you searched for it. If you still search for it, you *seek* it.
- *I sought for our car in the parking lot because I couldn't remember where I parked it.*
- *He sought for answers to his problem.*
- *I am still seeking for the truth about what happened to my red turtleneck.*

endure (verb)

For peace to endure, there had to be good leaders.

- If we want peace to endure, or continue to happen, then we have to get along together.
- *Sometimes we have to endure sadness before we can become happy.*
- *The sound of the siren endured for three minutes.*
- *The weather was very hot, but the soccer players endured until the end of the game.*

completion (noun)

Tadodaho's anger stopped the completion of the peace.

- If your homework is near completion, that means you are almost done with it!
- *The building is near completion and only needs to be painted.*
- *I completed the puzzle when I put the last piece in.*
- *The completion of the project by my group made me proud of all the work we had done together!*

bound (verb)

Five nations bound together will be stronger than one nation standing alone.

- If something is bound, it is fastened together.
- You can fasten something together by *binding* it.
- *Alicia bound her braids with a rubber band.*
- *Ahmed bound the branches together with vines.*
- *Our clothes are bound together with thread.*

union (noun)

The Peacemaker symbolized this union of peace by using a white pine tree.

- A marriage is a union between two people. A team is a union of many players.
- *The Haudenosaunee people are an example of a strong union.*
- *The fifty states make up a union that is the United States.*
- *When we meet our families at the picnic each July, it's called the family reunion.*

sovereign (adjective)

The Onondaga Nation is a sovereign nation.

- A sovereign nation is a nation that rules itself; no one else is in charge of it.
- *The Haudenosaunee are a sovereign nation; they have their own passports and laws that are separate from the United States.*