

## Contemporary American Indian Tribes of North Carolina Research Graphic Organizer

Student Name:

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Directions: Make sure you view the [Contemporary American Indian Tribes of North Carolina Research Assignment Sheet](#). After you choose a tribe to research, complete this graphic organizer. To complete the graphic organizer, you will need to visit the tribe's official website along with other resources, including the Ancient North Carolinians website. Answer each question below by engaging in your research and critical thinking skills. Elaborate on your responses, when needed.

For your research, use the [Contemporary NC Tribes Research Links document](#). Also, use other outside, credible sources to supplement your research. Please keep track of which websites you use and list them at the end of this graphic organizer (#15).

To help guide your research about an issue, challenge or problem, below is a list of common issue that some tribes face. Be aware: not all tribes have the same problems.

- Retaining the language of the tribe
- Land rights or maintaining land
- Education
- Building community within the tribe
- Financial issues
- Efforts to become a federally recognized tribe

**\*\*To receive credit, do *NOT* copy and paste responses from outside sources.  
Responses should be written in your own words\*\***

### North Carolina Tribes:

- the Coharie
- the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- the Haliwa-Saponi
- the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
- the Meherrin Nation
- the Sappony
- the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation
- the Waccamaw Siouan

**Tribe Background:**

1. What is the name of the tribe that you have chosen to research?

2. What county/counties is the tribe currently located?

3. How many people are members of the tribe today?

4. Is the tribe federally recognized or state recognized today?

5. Research: What is the difference between being federally recognized versus North Carolina state recognized?

**History:**

6. Using the [Ancient North Carolinians website](#) (specifically, the Indian Heritage by Region -- Sites, Detailed Overview, and Artifacts sections), describe Indigenous lifeways in the past in the area where the tribe lives today. [4-6 sentences]

7. Read more about your tribe's history using the [Contemporary NC Tribes Research Links document](#). Relate a part of the tribe's history that stood out to you the most. Elaborate on that moment of tribal history. Why did this part stand out to you the most? [4-6 sentences].

**Government:**

8. Does the tribe have a constitution or mission statement? If so, when was it written?

9. What stands out to you the most from the constitution or mission statement?

10. What is the name of the current tribal leader? What is his/her title and role in the tribe? (ie. what do they do?)

11. Elaborate on the tribal government: roles of officials, how rules and laws are made, etc [1-2 paragraphs]

**Community:**

12. What is one thing that the tribe is doing to improve education in their community?

13. What is another thing that the tribe is doing to support their community? Is it helping? How?

14. Discover: What is one way that the tribe is trying to strengthen their community and cultural identity?

**Video:**

Watch the video relating to your chosen tribe. Then, respond to the questions below.

- [the Coharie](#)
- [the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians](#)
- [the Haliwa-Saponi](#)
- [the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina](#)
- [the Meherrin](#)
- [the Sappony](#)
- [the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation](#)
- [the Waccamaw Siouan](#)

15. Who is interviewed and/or speaking in your video? What is their role in the tribe (ie. What do they do?)

16. Summarize your video in 4-5 sentences.

17. In 1+ sentences, explain: What is the KEY TAKEAWAY from your video? (ie. What do the makers of this video want you to know?)

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18. What about your video did *you* find the most interesting or surprising? Why?

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**Current Issue:**

Consider the research that you have done. What is a current issue, challenge or problem that is facing the tribe you selected to research?

19. What issue did you find that your tribe is dealing with?

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20. Explain the issue in 2-4 sentences.

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21. Elaborate on what actions the tribe is taking to alleviate (reduce) this issue.

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**Works Cited:**

22. In the boxes below, list all of the websites you used to complete this graphic organizer.
