



# Native Americans

**Black Elk** – Lakota man who educated the world about his people’s culture and religion (1863-1950)

**Brant, Joseph** – Mohawk Tribe (1742-1807)

**Bruchac, Joseph** –Autobiography of modern author. (1942-)

**Crazy Horse, Chief** - Oglala leader who spent his life fighting to keep the white man from taking over Indian lands. (1842-1877)

**Geronimo** - Apache warrior who fought for the right of Native Americans to live and roam freely on their homeland. (1829-1909)

**R. C. Gorman** - contemporary Navajo artist in Arizona (1932-)

**Jemison, Mary**- captured by a Shawnee war party when she was twelve and subsequently rescued and adopted by the Seneca with whom she chose to remain the rest of her long life. (1743-1833)

**Joseph, Chief** - Nez Perce leader who believed that Native Americans and white settlers could live in peace side by side, and fought injustice with words not weapons. (1840-1904)

**Juarez, Benito** - Zapotec Indian who instituted many reforms during his fourteen years as President of Mexico (1806-1872)

**Jumper, Betty Mae** - Seminole Indians Tribal Leader (1923-)

**Littlechild, George** –Plains Cree Indian in Canada who is a painter (Autobiography)

**Mankiller, Wilma Pearl** –Indian activist who became the first woman Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation <J REF 973 KEE 1996>

**Montezuma** - last emperor to rule the Aztec empire in Central America before it was conquered by the Spaniards. (1519-1540)

**Osceola** - Seminole chief (1804-1838)

**Parker, Quannah** -Spiritual and political leader of the Comanche people in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. (1845?-1911)

**Pocahontas** – Powhatan women who helped to bring peace between English settlers in Jamestown Virginia and her tribe (1617-?)

**Red Cloud, Chief** - Lakota leader who successfully forced the United States Army to close the Bozeman Trail, which crossed ancestral lands and endangered hunting grounds and sacred sites (1822-1909)

**Rogers, Will** – Cherokee Indian stage performer and humorist (1879-1935)

**Sacagawea** – Shoshoni women who served as a guide on the Lewis and Clark Expedition 1804-1806.

**Sequoyah** – gave his people the ability to read and write by creating the Cherokee Alphabet (1770?-1843)

**Sitting Bull** – Lakota chief who defeated General Custer at the Battle of the Little Bighorn (1834?-1890)

**Squanto** - Patuxet Indian who served as translator to the Pilgrims of Plymouth in what is now Massachusetts and aided them in establishing a successful colony in the early 1600s (1585?-1622)

**Tallchief, Maria** - Osage Indian ballerina whose love of dance took her from a life on a reservation to a career on the stage. (1925-2013)

**Tecumseh, Tecumseh** - Shawnee Chief who fought valiantly for their land and for their people (1768-1813)

**Thorpe, Jim**- Olympic gold medalists in track (1887-1953)

**Tookoomie, Simon** - one of the last of the Inuit to live the traditional nomadic life in the Arctic (1934-2010)