

## History / Wabanaki Cultural Systems and History

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Concept	Broad Understanding	Guiding Questions	Notes & Relevant Information
Sovereignty	Sovereignty is the right to unique political, cultural, economic and geographic identify.	How do the Wabanaki, State of Maine, and U.S. government differ in their perspectives on tribal sovereignty?	For the Wabanaki, tribal sovereignty stems from the tribes' status as first-nations, here for thousands of years prior to European contact. Through treaties, the Wabanaki have given up some sovereignty in exchange for land, money and other benefits. Tribal sovereignty is different from ethnic identity in that it encompasses dealing with other sovereign entities as equals. For the Wabanaki, tribal sovereignty does not preclude Wabanaki from U.S. citizenship.