

Civics & Government / Wabanaki Tribal Governments & Political Systems

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LD 291 Concentrated Area of Study: Maine Tribal Governments & Political Systems

Concept	Broad Understanding	Guiding Questions	Notes & Relevant Information
Governance	Governance is the system and process by which people rule or manage themselves.	How are tribal governments structured?	The organization of tribal government is not unlike that of the U.S. government, but there are differences among Wabanaki tribes and with the U.S. government. It is important to remember that modern tribal governments evolved as part of U.S. control and are not the same as historic tribal governance structures.
		What services do tribal governments provide?	Tribal governments provide many of the same services that state and national governments do (e.g., public works, education, public safety, finance department, judiciary/ tribal courts).

Governance (*continued*)

		<p>What were the cultural traditions of tribal governments and how do these traditions impact those governments today?</p>	<p>Wabanaki tribes still rely on consensus governing in addition to 'majority vote'. For the Wabanaki, governance is tied to their worldview.</p>
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