



NATIVES



Word Bank

Native(s)		Population	
Tribe(s)		Dialect(s)	
Served		Scientist(s)	
Migrated		Populate	
Continent		Historical	

Natives in Canada

Right now there are over 1,172,790 natives living in Canada. Among this population there are a number of different tribes, which many speak different languages. At last count there are about 30 different languages (or dialects) spoken in Canada alone. With even more in the United States. Natives can be found living throughout Canada, however most live in Northern Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, and the three territories in northern Canada.

The most common language spoken by natives living in Canada is Ojibwe and Cree. Currently, according to the laws in Canada, natives have the right to be served in their own language, so this means every effort is made to help natives in their own language.

Their History

There is no exact record of how or when the natives settled in North America, but many scientists believe that it was around 12,000 years ago when Asia and North America were connected by a frozen sea. This type of bridge is called a 'land bridge' and the land bridge between Asia and North America was called "Beringia." Seeking food and a better lifestyle, people from Asia migrated during the ice age and later came to populate the entire Northern and Southern parts of the American continent.

No record of their travels exist as many of the native tribes do not record historical events on paper or written word, only through stories.

The word "indian" comes from Christopher Columbus confusing North American natives with people from India.