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The Onondaga Nation and Onondaga Lake

Name the original five nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy:

- 1.) *Mohawks*
- 2.) *Oneidas*
- 3.) *Onondagas*
- 4.) *Cayugas*
- 5.) *Senecas*

Where was the Haudenosaunee Confederacy founded?

The shores of Onondaga Lake

When did the Tuscarora Nation join the Haudenosaunee Confederacy?

In the early 1700s

Name some of the challenges faced by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy after the arrival of Euro-Americans.

The Haudenosaunee faced diseases, attacks on their settlements, and illegal taking of most of their lands. The Haudenosaunee who remained were crowded onto small pieces of land. Americans tried to stop the Haudenosaunee people from following their ancient ways of life.

Name some reasons why Onondaga Lake is important to the Onondaga Nation:

- 1.) *The lake is a sacred and historic site. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy was founded on its shores.*
- 2.) *Using the natural resources of the lake watershed is important to Onondaga culture.*
- 3.) *The lake is part of their homeland and they want to protect it for future generations.*



True or False: The Haudenosaunee believe that humans are more important than other parts of the natural world. *False.*

What do the Haudenosaunee believe that the Creator has given each part of the natural world? *Special responsibilities (instructions).*

What is the Thanksgiving Address and how is it related to the responsibilities of human beings? *It is a speech said at the beginning and end of meetings. It is also called "the words that come before all else." Saying the Thanksgiving Address is part of humans' responsibility to give thanks to all the parts of Creation that are carrying out their responsibilities. In addition to giving thanks, the speech reminds people that all parts of Creation are connected and depend on each other. It also encourages people to carry out their responsibilities as human beings.*

How is the Thanksgiving Address structured?

The Thanksgiving Address gives thanks to many different parts of Creation.

How do the Haudenosaunee believe that humans should act?

They believe that humans should take actions that will help people living seven generations from now, and they should not do things that will harm people living in the future.

