

A photograph of a traditional Native American village. In the foreground, a large, long, narrow canoe made of woven reeds or grasses lies on a sandy shore. Behind it, several small, round huts with thatched roofs are visible. The background features a body of water and a range of dark, forested mountains under a clear blue sky.

Recognizing Tribal Communities: Connecting Past and Present

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Can I say “Indian?”



“Native American”



“Indigenous”



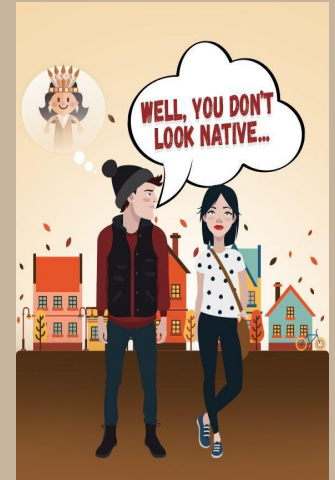
“Indian”



“AI/AN”



“American Indian”



“Native”

Who's an Indian?

Legal, social, cultural definitions & understandings



Indian Reorganization Act - All persons of Indian descent who are **members** of any **recognized** Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction, and all persons who are **descendants** of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Indian **reservation**, and shall further include all other persons of one-half or more **Indian blood**.

Bureau of Indian Affairs - someone who has **blood degree** from and is recognized as such by a **federally recognized** tribe or village (as an **enrolled** tribal member) and/or the United States.



U.S. Census Bureau – A person having **origins** in any of the original peoples of North and South American (including Central American) and who maintain **tribal affiliation** or **community attachment**.

Tribal Affiliation – Eligibility and membership for tribal enrollment is determined by each individual tribe.

...and how do you know?



San Diego Tribal Groups

San Diego County Tribes

Kumeyaay

Luiseño

Cupeño

Neighboring Tribes

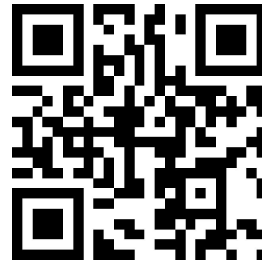
Cahuilla

Serrano

Chumash

Gabrieleño

Juaneño



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CLICK ON A TRIBE - GO TO ITS WEBSITE



Tribe or Reservation?





Luiseño Territory



Southern California

- **Systems of government that predate the United States**
 - **Kinship systems; councils**
- **Each tribe/community has a chieftain; organize community events, settle conflict; assistant; Shaman greatly respected**
- **Villages varied from 100-1000+ inhabitants**
- **Reciprocal relationships w/ land; provided abundance of food (rabbit, deer, acorn), housing, clothing**
- **Deeply spiritual people w/ elaborate puberty ceremonies**

The Kumeyaay





Historic Places

with Elsa Sevilla

California's History



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The Luiseño





Map data from Microsoft Expedia

Current Issues

Language revitalization

Tribal colleges

Sovereignty

- NAGPRA

MMIW

Indian Boarding School Initiative

Maintaining cultural lifeways



Where to go for more information:

California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center

California Indian Museum and Cultural Center

Kumeyaay Community College

CA Native American Heritage Commission

News from Native California

Indian Voices

Kumeyaayinfo.com

UCSD Intertribal Resource Center

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Questions?

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