



Native America

Prior to the arrival of Europeans in 1492, there were an estimated **90-112 million** people living in the "New World." After decades of war and disease, the indigenous population declined to less than **12 million** people.

Today there are over 500 recognized tribes scattered across 326 reservation in the United States. Events such as **The Trail of Tears** and **Assimilation** effectively erased hundreds of languages, cultures, and traditions. Today these distinct groups of people are all amassed into one ethnic group, the "Native American." Life in North America was incredibly diverse and tribes today are struggling to keep their cultural identities in an ever assimilating world.

Presented here is **only a fraction** of the tribes that occupied North America. Many indigenous cultures had fluid borders and often migrated between areas. Here, the tribes are depicted in their **original locations** although they may have migrated, sometimes forced, or joined other tribes.

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