

Storytime Friends

TALKING STICK

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CHOKING HAZARD: This kit may contain small parts. Parental supervision advised.

In many Native American tribes, a "talking stick" was used to make sure that each person had a turn to share his or her ideas and opinions with the rest of the group. The person holding the stick had the right to speak and everyone else was expected to respectfully listen.

A talking stick provides a simple and fun way to teach everyone in your family how to listen to other people when they are talking, as well as take turns.

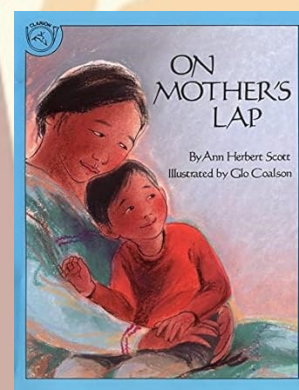
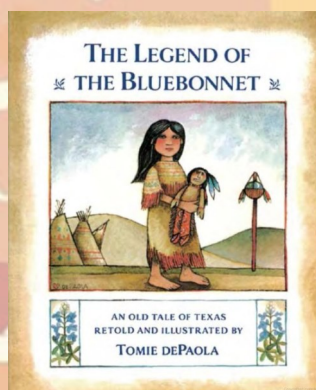
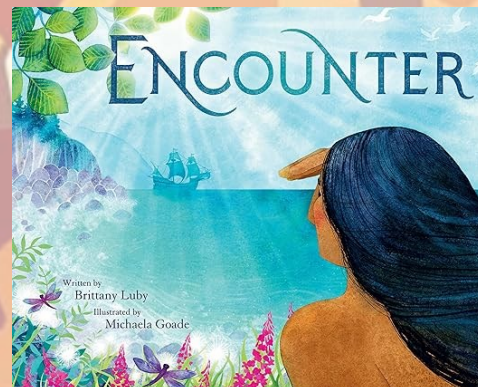
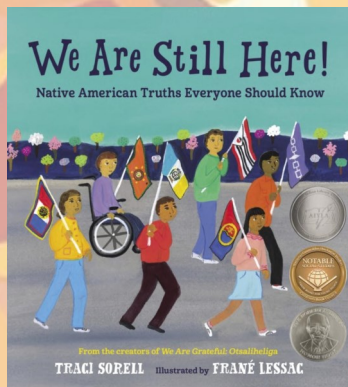
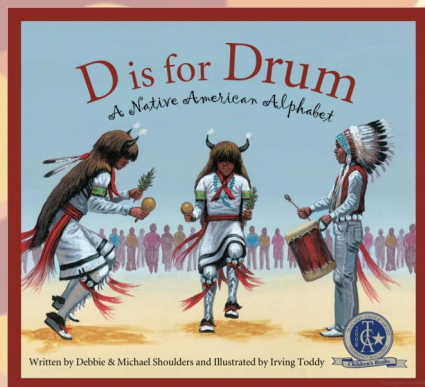
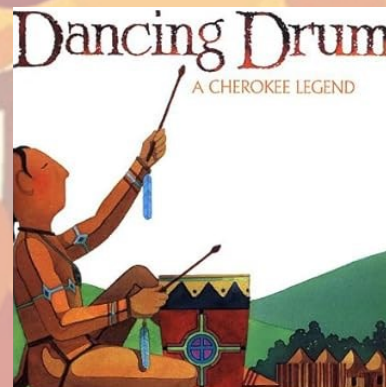
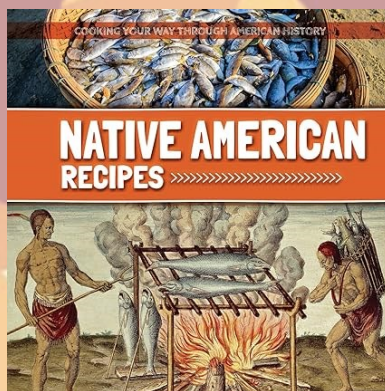
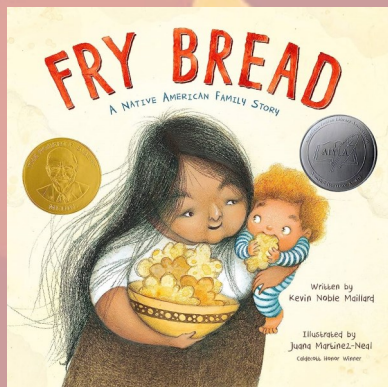
Supplies: 12" paint stick, yarn, feather coloring sheets, crayons or markers, beads or buttons, and scissors.

Instructions:

1. Saving two pieces for later, loop or tie the yarn pieces around stick, starting about two inches from the top and putting them in a row. Trim yarn edges to even if needed.
2. Color each paper feather and cut out.
3. Cut a slit hole on pointed end of each feather big enough to put a piece of yarn through.
4. Take a piece of yarn and loop it through the feathers and tie your feathers around the yarn part of your stick.
5. If adding beads or buttons, take the last piece of yarn and string beads. Knot ends around the end beads to ensure they will not come loose. Divide beads evenly on each end and then tie around yarn and feathers.



Checkout these Native American books for kids!



DID YOU KNOW? "American Indians," "Native Americans," and "First Nations people" are synonyms. They all refer to the same people. "Indigenous people" is a broader term that refers to any culture that lived in a place first. So Native Americans are all indigenous people to the Americas, but not all indigenous people are Native Americans.

(<https://www.native-languages.org/kidfaq.htm>)