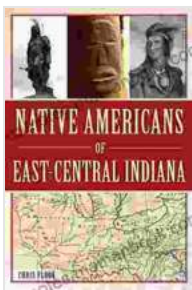


The Native Americans of East Central Indiana: A Rich and Enduring Heritage

The land that is now known as East Central Indiana was once home to a diverse array of Native American tribes. These tribes, including the Miami, Delaware, and Shawnee, had a profound impact on the region's history and culture. Their legacy can still be seen today in the place names, archaeological sites, and cultural traditions that persist in the area.



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The Miami Tribe

The Miami Tribe was one of the most powerful and influential tribes in East Central Indiana. They were originally based in the Wabash River Valley, but they eventually expanded their territory to include much of the region. The Miami were known for their skilled warriors and their sophisticated political system. They were also skilled farmers and traders.

The Miami played a major role in the fur trade and the American Revolutionary War. They sided with the British during the war, but they later made peace with the Americans. In the early 19th century, the Miami were forced to cede their land to the United States government. They were eventually relocated to reservations in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Delaware Tribe

The Delaware Tribe was another important tribe in East Central Indiana. They were originally based in the Delaware River Valley, but they were forced to migrate westward by European settlers. They eventually settled in the White River Valley in Indiana.

The Delaware were known for their skilled farmers and their peaceful nature. They were also skilled diplomats and were able to maintain good relations with both the Miami and the Shawnee tribes. The Delaware were forced to cede their land to the United States government in the early 19th century. They were eventually relocated to reservations in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Shawnee Tribe

The Shawnee Tribe was the third major tribe in East Central Indiana. They were originally based in the Ohio River Valley, but they were forced to migrate westward by European settlers. They eventually settled in the Mississinewa River Valley in Indiana.

The Shawnee were known for their skilled warriors and their fierce resistance to European settlement. They were one of the last tribes in the region to be forced to cede their land to the United States government. The

Shawnee were eventually relocated to reservations in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Legacy of the Native Americans of East Central Indiana

The Native Americans of East Central Indiana left a lasting legacy on the region. Their place names, archaeological sites, and cultural traditions are still visible today. These reminders of the past help us to appreciate the rich and diverse history of the region.

Place Names

Many of the place names in East Central Indiana are of Native American origin. These names reflect the tribes' close connection to the land. For example, the Mississinewa River is named after the Miami word for "river of many mouths." The White River is named after the Delaware word for "big river." And the Wabash River is named after the Miami word for "white river."

Archaeological Sites

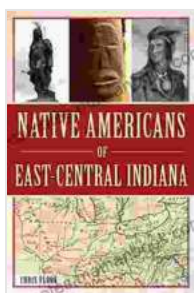
There are numerous archaeological sites in East Central Indiana that provide evidence of the Native Americans who once lived there. These sites include mounds, villages, and burial grounds. The mounds were often used for ceremonial purposes. The villages were home to the tribes' people. And the burial grounds were used to inter the dead.

Cultural Traditions

Some of the cultural traditions of the Native Americans of East Central Indiana are still practiced today. These traditions include storytelling, dancing, and singing. Storytelling was an important way for the tribes to

pass down their history and culture. Dancing and singing were used for ceremonial purposes and for entertainment.

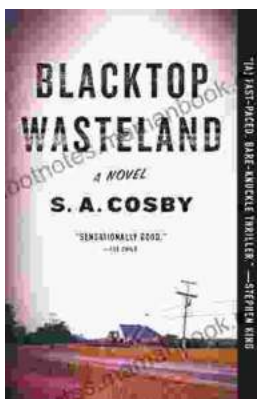
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