



KINGFISHER SINGERS WAMPANOAG NARRAGANSETT CULTURAL EDUCATORS

Definitions of terms introduced in the film:

- **ALGONKIAN/ALGONQUIAN** refers to the cultural and language group of Native People in New England, the Great Lakes, Hudson River Valley, most of Canada, and parts of the upper Great Plains. Their lifeways include seasonal and shared use of a broad homeland, male and female Sachems, and many intertribal councils and alliances.
- **ALGONQUIN** is a tribe in Canada.
- **INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES**--At various times in the past, Native people were punished for speaking their Native language. Today, many tribes are working to revitalize their traditional languages. Yet in 1789 it was illegal, and punishable by death, for anyone, Native or settler, to teach Mashpee Wampanoag people to read or write in the English language.
- **WAMPANOAG** Tribe is made up of many different bands. These include Aquinnah, Assonet, Herring Pond, Mashpee, Pocasset, Pokonoket, and Seekonk/Seakonk.

Suggested Questions for Students:

- Where are the traditional homelands of the Wampanoag People?
- Where are the traditional homelands of the Narragansett/Niantic People?

Highly recommended, brief, easily accessible resources:

- [Who are the Wampanoag?](#)
- [Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe](#)
- [Narragansett Indian Tribe](#)
- ["A Brief History of the Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Band"](#) An online 10-page booklet of Mohican history from pre-contact to the present day.
- *The Lasting of The Mohegans*, by Melissa Jayne Fawcett (A highly recommended easy-to-read short booklet reviewing Mohegan history from early times to the present--currently out of print).

INDIGENOUS VOICES IN THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

Nanepashemet's Map of Wampanoag Country in the 1600s

