

Native American Tribal Governments

This is a photograph of the Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee in 2016. This group was made up of five different tribes that lived in the Northeast region of the United States. The tribes came together to try and solve problems. The Haudenosaunee are also known for creating America's first democracy. A democracy is a form of government. In a democracy, the people have a say in how the government should be run. The Haudenosaunee governs through a Grand Council. This is made up of 50 chiefs from each of the Six Nations that are chosen by women of each tribe. To settle problems, the council uses the Great Law of Peace, which is the Haudenosaunee Constitution.



<https://www.akwesasnetv.com/?p=741>

This photograph is of a Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. The Blackfeet Indians live in Montana and are one of the largest tribes in the United States. In the Blackfeet constitution, the tribe is governed by a Business Council. The council is made up of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and six other members. The Business Council helps to look after tribal lands and local Blackfeet businesses that includes a grocery store, an art gallery and a cable company. They also help create programs and services such medical programs and housing for the tribe.



<http://blackfeetnation.com/government/>

This is a photograph of the Zuni Pueblo tribal government. The Zuni tribe elects a governor, lieutenant governor and six members of a tribal council. The council meets every month though special meetings can be called by the governor. The tribe also has a cacique, which is a religious leader. At one time, the cacique was also the leader of the people. But today, he is an important religious leader in the community.



<http://www.ashiwi.org/Government.html>

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This photograph is of a tribal council meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe that lives on a reservation in Colorado. The council is consists of a Chairman and six council members. The Chairman is in charge of picking Executive Officers who are in charge of different Tribal Departments. For example, there is an Executive in charge of Education. This person makes sure that there are resources for tribal members to receive an education. Another Executive is in charge of the Southern Ute Museum that helps preserve the tribe's history and culture. The tribal government also has different committees that meet to plan special programs such as powwows, a type of Native American celebration and elections.



https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2019/01/Council-Chambers_JAN-2019_Jeremy-Wade-Shockley-SU-DRUM-1-2400x960.jpg

This is the Oglala Sioux Tribal Administration Building located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The tribe is governed by an executive committee. This includes a tribal president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and additional council member. The tribal president and vice president are elected and the other positions are selected by the tribal council. There are nine tribal council members who represent the nine districts of the reservation. Unlike other reservations where members of tribal government hold 4-year terms, the Executive Committee and Tribal Council members are elected every two years.



<https://www.blackhillsknowledgenetwork.org/community-profiles/pine-ridge/pine-ridge-indian-reservation-government-citizenship-2.html#.XaoTuZNKg60>

This is a photograph of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Government Building in Qualla Boundary, North Carolina. The tribal government of this group consists of an executive branch with a Principal Chief and Vice Chief, and a tribal council of 12 members. The tribal government has many different departments that help to provide services for its people. Services include providing medical care, child care, and housing.



<https://wlos.com/news/local/gallery/eastern-band-of-chokeee-indians-elects-chief-tribal-council-members#photo-4>

Middle

The middle of your vlog should teach your viewers all about Tribal elections and Tribal governments. You can included similarities and differences to the government of the United States. Write 5 or 6 sentences that you can use for the middle of your vlog.

Closing

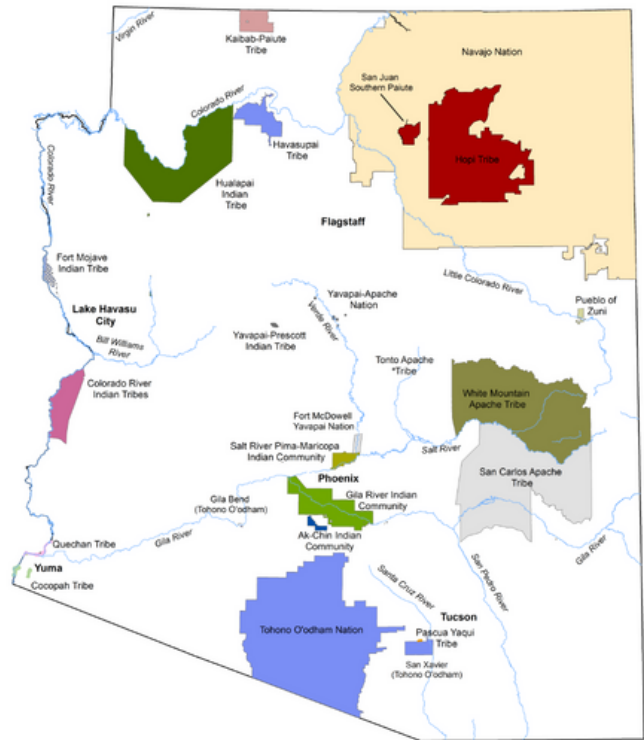
The closing of your vlog should wrap up what you have taught your viewers. You can also tell viewers what they will see in upcoming vlog or invite viewers to write in with questions. Write 2 or 3 sentences that you can use for the closing of your vlog below:

Step 3: Record your Vlog!

Use your script, a tablet or smart phone, and the tips on the handout: Tips for Recoding a Vlog to create your vlog!

Learning about Tribal Elections

This is a map showing the different Native American groups that live in Arizona. There are 21 different Native American tribes that live on 20 reservations throughout the state. A reservation is a piece of land that belongs to a Native American tribe. The United States government set aside this land for the tribe to live on.



<https://itcaonline.com/maps/>

This is a picture of the Constitution and laws for the Hopi Tribe in Arizona. Tribal constitutions outline how a tribal government will be organized. For example, the Hopi government consists of a tribal council that is elected by members of the tribe. Constitutions can also outline how to hold elections and who can run for tribal office. In the Yavapai-Apache tribe, any tribe member can nominate him or herself for a tribal council position if they are at least 25 years old and live on or near the reservation. Also, tribal elections are to be held on the third Saturday in September.

Year: 1936

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
THE HOPI TRIBE
ARIZONA

APPROVED DECEMBER 1936,

UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON: 1937

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE HOPI TRIBE

<https://nningovernance.arizona.edu/hopi-tribe-governmental-structure-excerpt>

Tribal governments have their own police departments and courts. This is because Native American groups are recognized by the United States government as “sovereign nations.” The word “sovereign” means independent, or free. Native American governments are considered as separate nations, like Canada or Mexico. As a result, they can make their own laws and decisions that will help their tribe best.



<https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/local-las-vegas/fifth-passenger-dies-after-grand-canyon-helicopter-crash/>

Learning about Tribal Elections

This is a picture of an election board meeting for the Fort Mojave tribe. An election board is a group of people who make rules about tribal elections. For example, there might be a rule that outlines who can vote in tribal elections. An election board also plans when and where the elections will take place. For example, they decide what day the election will be held and where people will go to vote.



http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles_desert_star/williams-garcia-reyes-reelected-to-fort-mojave-indian-tribal-council/article_334dde40-8ca7-11e9-9f48-d334959ea986.html

This is a poster from the Navajo Nation explaining who can vote in tribal elections. Only tribal members can vote in a tribal election. This means that people who want to vote must show that they are members of their tribe. For example, some tribes require people to show an identification card that proves they have registered as a member of a tribe. Other tribes post a list before an election that shows the names of people who can vote. Voters who vote in tribal elections must also live on, or near a tribal reservation.



VOTER REGISTRATION

TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- must be 18 years of age at the time of registration.
- Must have a census number issued by Navajo Nation Vital Records Office.

<p>Required documents: <small>(to register to vote)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) -Drivers License or a state issued photo ID card or Navajo Nation ID -Other required information: social security number, mailing address, chapter, email address and/or telephone number. 	<p>Cancellation of Voter Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any registered voter who does not vote in the General (Presidential) and Chapter Elections consecutively is subject to be removed from the Navajo Nation Voter Registration files. -In order for your voter registration records to remain active, you must vote in every Navajo Nation major election. <p style="text-align: center;">Major elections are held every two (2) years.</p>
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[nsn.gov/pdfs/2018/2018%20Navajo%20Nation%20Election%20\(003\)%20over%201_opt.pdf](https://www.nsn.gov/pdfs/2018/2018%20Navajo%20Nation%20Election%20(003)%20over%201_opt.pdf)

This is a photograph of a Native American turning in his ballot to a tribal election board. People can vote in multiple ways. For example, they can visit a polling place. A polling place is an official place where people can vote. At the polling place, they will fill out a ballot. Another way that people can vote is by using absentee ballots. An absentee ballot is a ballot that is sent to a person in the mail. People do not have to go to a polling place to vote when they use an absentee ballot. People use an absentee ballot if they cannot come to a polling place in person on election day. For example, a Native American that is serving in the military overseas can fill out an absentee ballot because he or she cannot come and vote in person. After filling out the ballot, the ballot is mailed to the tribal election office.




<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/after-new-voter-id-law-native-american-group-concerned-over-n930446>

Learning about Tribal Elections

To the right is a document showing the election results for the Hopi Indian tribe. The election board counts the votes and posts the results of who won the election on its website, in a tribal newspaper, or in a newsletter! At the bottom of the document, each member of the election board signs their name. This is to show that they have reported the election results honestly.



Hopi Tribe Primary Election Results Unofficial Election Results September 14, 2017

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN	Upper Moenkopi	Lower Moenkopi	Holevilla	Basavi	Ky-kistimovi	Shungopavi	Miahogovi	Sigauovi	First Mesa	Keams Canyon	Early Voting	Absentee	TOTALS	%
ALFRED LOMAHQUAHU JR.	9	2	10	19	15	4	2	4	29	4	1	29	129	11.70%
HERMAN G. HONANIE	22	5	12	16	65	17	9	16	41	8	7	47	265	24.03%
DAVID NORTON TALAYUMPTAWA	35	21	15	25	77	46	7	18	86	21	15	36	404	36.63%
TIMOTHY L. NUWANGYAOMA	8	10	25	19	55	21	43	24	57	17	3	23	305	27.66%
TRIBAL VICE CHAIRMAN														
ARTHUR BATALA	12	8	7	6	46	22	25	14	68	5	3	39	255	23.48%
CLARK WAYNE TENAKHONGVA	37	22	31	42	97	40	28	24	77	17	13	64	483	45.40%
LAMAR KEEVAMA	24	6	22	31	67	26	7	23	68	28	8	28	338	31.12%
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY PRESENT	74	38	62	80	201	88	61	62	210	50	26	138	1090	
QUESTIONED BALLOTS COUNTED	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	9	
CERTIFICATION														
<small>We, the undersigned election officials of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the Primary Election held on Thursday, September 14, 2017. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance No. 34 of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona.</small>														
														

Election Results will remain "Unofficial" for four days for Candidates and/or Eligible Voting Members to challenge Votes, if any

<https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/9-19-2017-Vol.25-No.18.pdf>

Referendum Vote to Approve a Salary Increase for the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF REFERENDUM QUESTION:

There has never been a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the Navajo Nation President and Vice President since the positions were first established in 1989 (CD-68-89, 16th Navajo Nation Council (1989)). Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1008, the salary of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation shall be fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) and forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) per annum, respectively. Salary adjustments may be approved by the Navajo Nation Council but shall not become effective until and unless approved by a referendum of the Navajo People.

LEGAL EFFECT:

A "YES" vote means that the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President shall get a salary increase.

A "NO" vote means that the salary for the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President remains the same under the current law

REFERENDUM QUESTION:

Shall the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President get a salary increase?

YES

NO

If YES, please select Option 1, Option 2 or Option 3

OPTION 1

Navajo Nation President Salary at Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000)

YES, WITH OPTION 1

OPTION 2

Navajo Nation President Salary at Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000)

YES, WITH OPTION 2

OPTION 3

Navajo Nation President Salary at One-Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$87,000)

YES, WITH OPTION 3

SAMPLE

Tribal elections can also ask voters to vote on issues that are important to the reservation. For example, the members of the Navajo Nation were recently asked to vote whether they supported paying more money to people who served as President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation. Other issues that voters may be asked about include voting to change a tribal constitution or passing a new law around voter requirements.

How to Record a Vlog Like a Professional

Have Good Eye Contact

Make sure that you are looking at the camera. You should make eye contact and not look down at your notes the whole time.



Speak Loudly

Make sure you talk loudly so the camera's microphone can record your voice. If you talk too quietly, people won't be able to hear you.



Speak Clearly

When people are nervous, they might talk faster than they normally would. Make sure you talk slowly enough so people can understand you. If you're not sure if you're speaking clearly enough, ask a friend to listen to you practice.



Providing Professional Feedback

Person you are providing feedback for:

What was your favorite part about the vlog?

Did the vlog hold your attention? Why or why not?

What do you think the main point of the vlog is? Is the message clear?

Do you have any other recommendations?