Chapter One Study Guide- Aboriginal Societies name: Answer Key

Vocabulary to Review:

Aboriginal - Descendants of the original inhabitants of North America

Pluralism/ Pluralistic society- Society made up of many different groups of people

Ethnocentrism-belief that one's own ethnic group is superior to others

Culture- A way of life shared by a group of people- knowledge, experience, values

Alliance- a union in which groups agree to trade and help each other

Stereotype- an overgeneralized portrayal of people from one group

Government- the way people organize themselves to choose leaders and make decisions

Clan-small village of extended families who live together and share resources

Sovereign- self governing and independent of external powers

Why did some First Nations groups follow a seasonal cycle? What does this mean? They follow their food sources-- animals that they are going to hunt, food they are gathering, fish

When a group reaches consensus, what do they do? They agree on something. What were the 3 main First Nations groups we studied?

- 1. Anishinabe
- 2. Mi'kmag
- 3. Haudensaunee

Describe what is meant by "oral culture". Stories are memorized and passed down from generation to generation.

What is it called when ancestral lines follow the mother's side? Matrilineal

What is the role of an elder in First Nations culture? To pass on traditional teachings and wisdom to the younger people.

Know the terms- First Nations, Aboriginal, - Aboriginal people of Canada, descendants of the original people of North America

Be able to explain what a stereotype is. Overgeneralized statement of a group of people

Eg. All teenagers are immature and lazy.

Why did the Haudensaunee call beans, squash and corn the Three Sisters? The crops were grown together and they supported each other. Made a well balanced diet.

Explain what culture means. Give examples. The way of life shared by a group of people-food, music, art, knowledge, experiences

All First Nation groups had a close relationship with Mother Earth. What does this mean?

Had a close relationship to nature. Considered the effects of what they were doing on nature.

Know the difference between matrilineal and patrilineal.

Matrilineal-mother's line

Patrilineal-father's line

What did the First Nations people do in their free time? Why didn't they have a lot of time when food was scarce?

Finding food came first. If they had time they would participate in art, ceremonies, recreation/games

What does the term hunter-gatherer refer to? Gathered plants, hunted and fished for food

What kinds of food did the First Nations tribes live on? Berries, nuts, squash, fruit, vegetables, small game, rice, fish- whatever they could find