Year 5/6 History – Indigenous America

As	Learning from archaeology and generational stories
Historians	Use sources of evidence to deduce information about the
we:	past.
	Seek out and analyse a wide range of evidence in order to
	justify claims about the past.
	Describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of
	past society.
	Describe the characteristic features of the past, including
	ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men, women and
	children.
Learning	Civilisation, Community and Culture – Life for Indigenous
Thread	Americans prior to the 15 th Century when European settlers
Focus	started to arrive in North America.
	How the arrival of Europeans changed the lives of these
	communities and their cultures.
	Ceremonies and rituals in tribes
	Comparison – Comparing the life and history of Indigenous
	Americans to our own and other cultures in the UK (past and
	present).
	Causes and consequence –The causes and consequences of
	Europeans settling in North America.
	Legacy – What did we learn from the Indigenous Americans?
Prior	Civilisation, Community and Culture – Tribes in the
Learning	rainforest, Egyptian tribes, UK traditions, Maya settlement,
	castle civilisations.
	Causes and consequence – effects on rainforest tribes,
	impact of war, natural phenomenon on communities
Core	Political correctness and respecting heritages.
knowledge	Did we discover America?
and in depth	Where did the term Indian come from?
study	Did Christopher Columbus really discover America?
	The symbolic references of Indigenous American's art,
	sculptures and stories.
	The importance of story-telling and how tribes
	communicated before writing
	Routines, customs and traditions of tribal members.
	Difference in male and women roles.
	Why is it important to remember different native traditions?
	Pocahontas and the relationship with a European man

Key	Native, indigenous, Indian, settlement, tribes, hunting,			
Vocabulary	scalping, tepee, totem pole, nomadic, semi-nomadic,			
	invasion, animism, headdress, reservations			

Timeline of Event –class timeline					
1	1492	Christopher Columbus lands on Caribbean Island			
2	1513	Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon lands on continental North America in Florida and makes contact with Native Americans.			
3	1529	Ponce de Leon departs on another voyage to Florida from San Juan to start a colony. Months after landing, Ponce de Leon is attacked by local Native Americans and fatally wounded.			
4	1539	Spanish explorer and conquistador Hernando de Soto lands in Florida to conquer the region. He explores the South under the guidance of Native Americans who had been captured along the way.			
5	1595-1619	Pocahontas was born and had the first marriage between a native American and non-Native American.			
6	1831 - 1890	The life of Sitting Bull			
7	1840-1877	The life of Crazy Horse			
8	1829-1909	The life of Jeronimo			

Cross Curricular	Key Text- Indigenous Legends	
Links and wider	How The Stars Fell Into The Sky: A Navajo Legend	
influences	by Jerrie Oughton	
	Art- studying and creating sand art inspired by	
	Indigenous American healers	
	DT - Study and design of textile toys	
	Music - Looking at and using tribal instruments	