



Fertigkeit	Lesen
Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	<b>Deskriptor 4:</b> Kann unkomplizierte Sachtexte über Themen, die mit den eigenen Interessen und Fachgebieten aus den Themenbereichen des Lehrplans in Zusammenhang stehen, mit befriedigendem Verständnis lesen. (B1)
Themenbereich(e)	Einstellungen und Werte Umwelt und Gesellschaft Interkulturelle und landeskundliche Aspekte
Zeitbedarf	15 Minuten
Länge des Lesetextes	215 Wörter
Material- und Medienbedarf	Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	---
Quelle	Rohrauer, Christine, Josef Rohrauer, Friedrich Schönberger, Gerda Pührer. <i>Come Along 4. Textbook</i> . Linz: Veritas-Verlag, 4 1995. S. 49 f. [adaptiert]



## NATIVE AMERICANS

Read the text about Native Americans.

**Then tick (✓) the sentences below true, false or – if there is not enough information – not in the text.**

You will find the underlined words at the bottom of the page.

When the white man first came to North America, about 2.5 million Native Americans lived all over the continent. The further the whites went westwards, the more the Native Americans were pushed back. In the 19th century there were hundreds of fights between the settlers and the Native Americans.

When the Indian wars were over, little was done to help the Native Americans. They were pushed from place to place, from one reservation<sup>1</sup> to another.

These reservations usually were in the worst regions of the land, where no white man wanted to settle. There was hardly anything for them to live on, no grass for their animals, no buffaloes, no water. Thousands of them, men, women and children, died of hunger and diseases<sup>2</sup> which the whites had brought with them.

In 1900, there were only 250,000 Native Americans left in America. Today the population has grown again. There are now about 1,000,000 Native Americans in the U.S.A.; 60 per cent of them live on reservations. However, these people are still very poor. 77 per cent of the working population are unemployed<sup>3</sup>, the crime rate is very high, and lots of Native Americans have become alcoholics.

Native Americans who live outside the reservations find it difficult to live in the white man's world.


### Vocabulary:

1 - reservation – *Gebiet, in dem nur Indianer wohnen (Reservat)*

2 - diseases – *Krankheiten*

3 - unemployed – *arbeitslos*



-  (1) In the 19th century, the Native Americans were pushed back by the whites.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (2) More than 70 per cent of Native Americans are unemployed.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (3) Native Americans who live in reservations often make jewellery to sell to the whites.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (4) Today the number of Native Americans living in the U.S.A. is smaller than at the time when the white man first came to America.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (5) 60% of the Native Americans in the U.S.A. live on reservations.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (6) During the 19th century, there were many fights between the whites and the Native Americans.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (7) The Native Americans were given the best regions of America to live on.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (8) The whites did a lot to help the poor Native Americans after the Indian wars were over.
- true                       false                       not in the text
- (9) A big number of Native Americans died of diseases they got from the whites.
- true                       false                       not in the text



- (1) In the 19th century, the Native Americans were pushed back by the whites.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (2) More than 70 per cent of Native Americans are unemployed.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (3) Native Americans who live in reservations often make jewellery to sell to the whites.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (4) Today the number of Native Americans living in the U.S.A. is smaller than at the time when the white man first came to America.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (5) 60% of the Native Americans in the U.S.A. live on reservations.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (6) During the 19th century, there were many fights between the whites and the Native Americans.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (7) The Native Americans were given the best regions of America to live on.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (8) The whites did a lot to help the poor Native Americans after the Indian wars were over.  
 true                       false                       not in the text
- (9) A big number of Native Americans died of diseases they got from the whites.  
 true                       false                       not in the text