

The Eastern Woodlands

DIRECTIONS Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

In the late 1500s, Iroquois tribes fought among themselves. Often these battles were over control of hunting areas. According to one story, an Iroquois named Deganawida convinced a Mohawk leader named Hiawatha to join him in spreading the message that "All shall receive the Great Law and labor together for the welfare of man."

The result was a confederation called the Iroquois League. The league was made up of the Five Nations of the Seneca, the Cayuga, the Onondaga, the Oneida, and the Mohawk. A few years later, a sixth nation, the Tuscarora, joined the league.

Each nation in the league governed itself, and problems were often solved by a vote. Important matters that affected all the league's nations, such as war, were made by a Grand Council of 50 chiefs from all nations.

1 Who was Deganawida?

2 Why did Deganawida think it was important to stop the fighting?

3 Which tribes belonged to the Iroquois League?

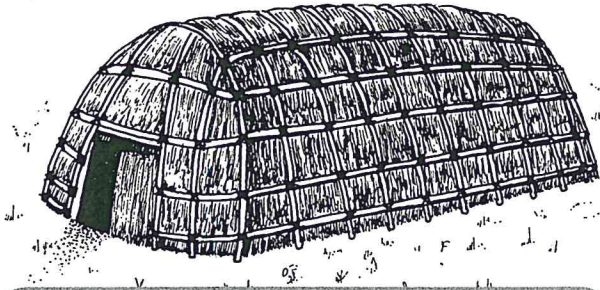
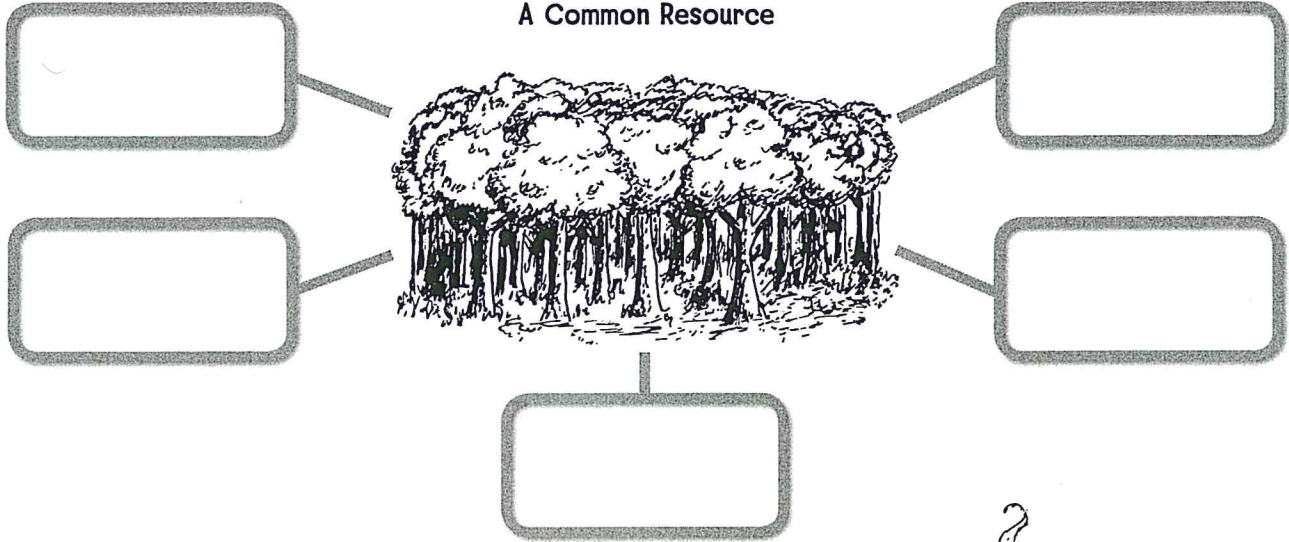
4 Which group made decisions that affected all the league's nations?

5 What do you think Deganawida meant when he said, "All shall receive the Great Law and labor together for the welfare of man"?

Lesson Title: _____

Life in the Eastern Woodlands

A Common Resource



The Iroquois

Where _____

Language _____

Villages _____

Shelters _____

Food _____

Government _____

The Algonquians

Where _____

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