

Family Newsletter for Unit 1

Our Land and First People



The Big Idea

What does the land around you look like?

- **Content Standard 1.0** Culture encompasses similarities and differences among people, including their beliefs, knowledge, changes, values, and traditions. Students will explore these elements of society to develop an appreciation and respect for the variety of human cultures.

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the physical geography of the United States and Tennessee and how it affects the way people live;
- about the first people to come to North America and about the earliest civilizations;
- about the cultures and customs of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek, and Shawnee.

Here is a way you can help your child learn:

Family Activity

Build a home American Indians in different parts of North America used different materials to build their homes. Think about the natural resources in your community, such as rocks, trees, dirt, or clay, that you could use to build a place to live. Then design a home you could build using one or all of these materials.



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