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**Powwow Essay**

**Five-paragraph essay:** Comparing a modern-day powwow with traditional powwows.

* + Paragraph One: Introduction.

-powwow definition

-celebration of life

-circle of life

-“We don’t know life without powwows.”

* + Paragraph Two: Describe two new things that you have learned about the Native American culture.
  + Paragraph Three: Compare and contrast modern-day Native American Powwows with historical Powwows of 100 years ago.

Why did the Native Americans have powwows in the past?

* It was a hunting ritual to show off what you hunted, how you hunted.
* The tribe would gather around a fire to dance and to share stories of times past.

Why do Native Americans continue the tradition of powwows?

* To keep their traditions and to remember their past and values
* For competition
* To gather with family, friends, communities, and tribes
* They dance for those that cannot dance. They dance to give the older people of the tribe to have courage knowing that their traditions are being carried on.
* They dance to honor the warriors, the soldiers of modern times.
* Honors their spirituality, honoring their ways and values, gives thanks to the Creator.

Drum beat: sacred circle, heartbeat of their relatives, heartbeat of each other.

language: traditional language while singing and chanting, English language while speaking.

-types of dances

-tipi

-hairstyle

-eagle staff: represents nations, families, communities

-dancers: elders, adults, teenagers, kids, small children, men, women, girls, and boys

regalia: costumes.

* They wore the regalia for protection from fighting and from hunting. Now they wear it to remember their traditions and for competition.
* The mirrors on the costumes reflected the bad thoughts and spirits away from you.
* Pass on their costumes between generations of people
* They work on their costumes throughout their lives
* Eagle feathers: carry their prayers to the Great Spirit
* Colors are different for every tribe.
  + Paragraph Four: Make an inference of what ways the European explorers have changed life for the Native American people.
  + Paragraph Five: Conclusion.