

# Open House Quiz

## M103 Indigenous Cultures in the Berkshires and Beyond

### 1491 Themes:

- People arrived in the Americas earlier than had been thought
- There were many more people in the Americas than in previous estimates
- American cultures were far more sophisticated than had been believed
- Environmental management was widespread and hugely impactful

- ★ Where is **Muhheconnetuck**? What does the word mean?
- ★ Where is **Turtle Island**, and how did it come into existence?
- ★ What does the word **Seekonk** mean? (hint: there is a town in eastern Massachusetts named Seekonk, and the town seal features a goose in flight)
- ★ Who are the **Haudenosaunee**?
  - ➔ Where is their homeland?
  - ➔ What does the name mean?
  - ➔ When did the name first appear in print?
  - ➔ What did the French call these people (hint: it was a corruption of an indigenous term for "black snake" and was not meant as a compliment)
- ★ Was **Hiawatha** a mythical character, or did he actually exist?
- ★ What was the original English name for **Stockbridge**?
- ★ How long did the **Inka** Empire last?
- ★ What caused the **Little Ice Age**?
- ★ Where are the **Wabenaki** homelands? What does the name mean?
- ★ Which had earlier human occupation: the **Berkshires** or **Ireland**?
- ★ When did agriculture come to **Patuxet**?
- ★ American cultures were quite varied: what did they all have in **common**? (hint: treatment of poverty, homelessness, and hunger)
- ★ Why did American cultures have so few **domesticated** animals?
- ★ In 1200, which was most populous: **Cahokia**, **Rome**, or **London**?
- ★ In 1491, these were the largest empires on earth: which was **the** largest?
  - ➔ Great Zimbabwe
  - ➔ Inka
  - ➔ Ming
  - ➔ Ottoman
  - ➔ Russia
  - ➔ Songhay
  - ➔ Triple Alliance (Aztec)