The Native Americans of New York State include the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Valley. They are known for the alliance, or confederation, called the League of the Haudenosaunee, the People of the Longhouse. They were also known as the Five Nations Confederacy. Today they are known as the Six Nations with the inclusion of the Tuscarora.

1. According to the 1747 map to the left, in which British Colony are the Five Nations located?

2. List two lakes located in Five Nations territory:
   1. ____________________________
   2. ____________________________

3. List two rivers located in Five Nations territory:
   1. ____________________________
   2. ____________________________

Look closely at the images of the New York Native Americans. The one on top is from 1770 and was printed in London. The one on the bottom is from 1825 and was printed in New York City.

1. If you were in London in 1770, would looking at this top image make you think New York Native Americans were friendly?
   _______ yes   _______ no

2. List two things that you see in the picture that supports your answer:
   1. ______________________
   2. ______________________

3. What animal is shown in all images that is frequently used as a symbol of New York State?
   ______________________

4. What animal in the bottom images is used as a symbol of the United States?
   ______________________
Unlike the images on the previous page which are symbols, these two images are portraits of people created by artists while the people were in front of them. In both cases we know the names of the people and the artists who created the portraits.

List three things that you see in these images that help you know they are portraits of real people, not symbols.

1. __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________
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Native American names were often adopted by European settlers in the early period of the United States. People living alongside the Erie Canal were no exception, often choosing names from local tribes, as well as, from outside the region.

The Iroquois Confederacy in Upstate New York included the Seneca tribe. In 1825, Dewitt Clinton, who lead the effort to build the Erie Canal, traveled in a boat called the *Seneca Chief* from Buffalo to New York City to celebrate the opening of the canal.

The canal boats *Montezuma* and *Oneida Chief*, noted in the 1831 advertisement pictured to the left, drew their names from Native American sources. Montezuma was a well-known Aztec emperor who lived in what is now Mexico. The Oneida are another member of the Iroquois Confederacy.

List two reasons why a boat owner might name his boat after one of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

1. _________________________________________________________
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2. _________________________________________________________
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