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# Culture West and East

"We must have but one voice."

from a speech by Hiawatha See page 106.

## Why Does it Matter?

Many thousands of years ago, a land bridge rose out of the northern sea, connecting the Western and Eastern hemispheres. People and animals crossed back and forth between North America and Asia.

Many centuries later, the people of the Western and Eastern hemispheres were building cities, farming, trading, and developing different cultures. The quote above from Hiawatha, an Iroquois leader, explains why different Iroquois groups united to form a representative government. This government is one example of the ways in which many cultures have shaped our country.

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