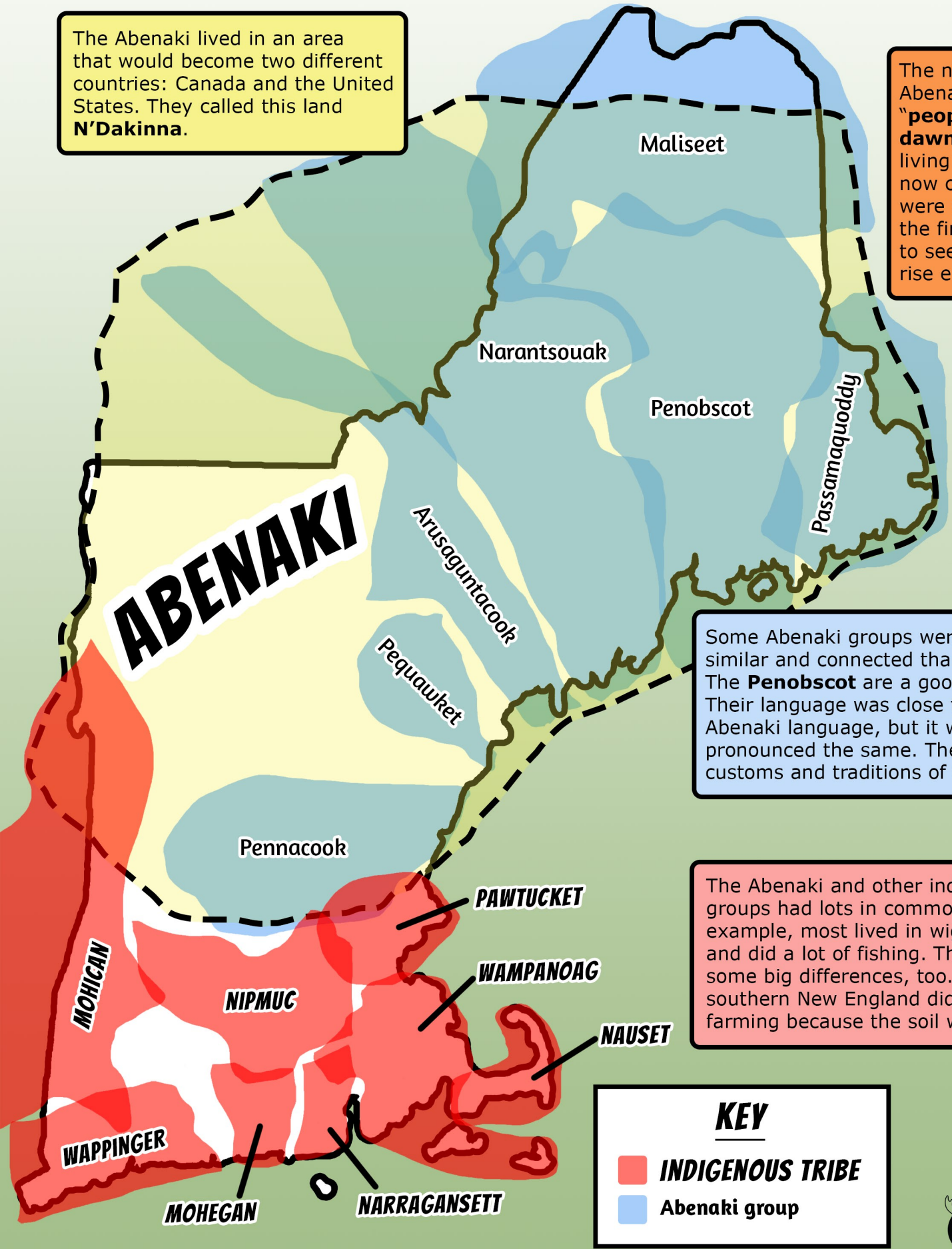


# INDIGENOUS NEW ENGLAND

The Abenaki are one of many different groups of indigenous people who live in the area we now call New England. They came to this region more than 11,000 years ago! These groups traded with each other and shared ideas and inventions. They also made alliances and fought wars. This map shows some of the groups who lived and interacted in New England in the 1500s.

The Abenaki lived in an area that would become two different countries: Canada and the United States. They called this land N'Dakinna.

The name Abenaki means "people of the dawn." People living in the land now called Maine were some of the first people to see the sun rise every day.



Some Abenaki groups were more similar and connected than others. The **Penobscot** are a good example. Their language was close to the Abenaki language, but it wasn't pronounced the same. They had customs and traditions of their own.

The Abenaki and other indigenous groups had lots in common. For example, most lived in wigwams and did a lot of fishing. There were some big differences, too. Groups in southern New England did more farming because the soil was better.

**KEY**

- INDIGENOUS TRIBE**
- Abenaki group



1. What observations can you make about this map? What questions do you have?
2. Look at some of the areas where indigenous people lived and areas where they didn't. Why do you think they lived where they lived?
3. Compare this map with a modern-day map of New England. In how many of today's states and countries did the Abenaki people live?
4. What Abenaki groups lived near where you live? What evidence can you find today of Abenaki in your area?