



UNIT 2 VOCABULARY LIST

Abenaki	(noun) Name used to refer to the indigenous people of the land now called New Hampshire
agriculture	(noun) The practice of growing specific crops during specific seasons for food
birch bark canoe	(noun) A lightweight boat used for travel in rivers and streams; made by stretching an outer layer of birch bark over a wooden frame
communal	(adjective) Something shared by members of a group
consensus	(noun) When a group of people comes to agreement about an issue
dugout canoe	(noun) A heavy boat used for fishing; made by using fire and a stone tool to hollow out the trunk of a large tree
enunciation	(noun) Saying words or parts of words clearly
gestures	(noun) Hand or body movements that show ideas
Gluskabe	(noun) The central figure in many Abenaki legends; a kind and helpful figure with magical powers
indigenous	(adjective) When something grows or occurs naturally in a place
indigenous people	(noun) The first people who lived in an area before people from other cultures arrived
longhouse	(noun) A long, narrow structure with a single interior room; built of wood and used during winter to house families
migration	(noun) The movement from one location to another for a specific purpose such as seasonal food-finding



UNIT 2 VOCABULARY LIST

morality	(noun) Words and actions that reflect good and honorable human conduct
N'dakinna	(noun) The word the Abenaki use to refer to their homeland
oral tradition	(noun) The practice of sharing knowledge through word of mouth and storytelling
pacing	(noun) How quickly one moves or speaks
pottery	(noun) Objects made from clay
resources	(noun) Supplies used by people to meet their needs
sachem	(noun) A respected elder in a tribe who guides decision making
spirits	(noun) Unseen powers, both good and evil, believed to surround and influence human life
tone	(noun) Speaking in a way to show a particular emotion
tradition	(noun) A well-known belief or custom shared by a group of people over many years
wampum	(noun) Beads made from the inner shells of quahog clams
weirs	(noun) Underwater fences used to trap fish
wigwam	(noun) A shelter built by stretching birch bark over a frame of bent trees; used throughout much of the year for housing