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KWL Chart: Pre-Contact Abenaki Indigenous People

What do we <u>W</u> ant to know about the Abenaki?	What have we <u>L</u> earned about the Abenaki?
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Abenaki-influenced Names in New Hampshire

Modern Name	Abenaki Name	English Translation					
Ammonoosuc River	Ômanosek	Fishing Place					
Atlantic Ocean	Sobagwa	Great Ocean					
Amoskeag Falls	Namaskik	At the Fish Land					
Androscoggin River	Laesikąntegw	Rock Shelter River					
Connecticut River	Kwinitegok	Long River					
Contoocook River	Nikn tekw kk	First Branch of the River					
Massabesikick Pond	Massabesik	Large Lake					
Merrimack River	Molôdemak	Deep River					
Pemigewasset River	Pemijoasek	Swift Current					
Piscataqua River	Beskategwa	Where the River Divides					
Saco River	Soko	Towards the South					
Salmon Falls River	Nôwijoanek	Long Rapids					
Lake Sunapee	Seninebik	Rocky Lake					
Lake Umbagog	Wôbagok	Clear Lake					
Lake Winnipesaukee	Wiwinebesaki	Land Around Lake					

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Concord	Penokok	Down Hill
Dover	Wiwinijoanek	Water Flows Around It
Manchester	Namaskik	Place of Fish
Nashua	Niswa	The Land Between
Ossipee	Asepihtegw	River Alongside
Suncook	Senikok	At the Rocks
Isle of Shoals	Montinicus	Little Island Far Off
Mt. Kearsage	Gawasiwajo	Windfall Mountain
Mt. Washington	Gôdagwajo	Hidden Mountain
Mt. Monadnock	Menonadenak	Bare, Silver Mountain
Mt. Moosilauke	Mozalhlakik	Cow Moose Land
White Mountains	Wawobadenik	White Mountains

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Alphabetical List

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Dover	Wiwinijoanek	Water Flows Around It
Mt. Kearsage	Gawasiwajo	Windfall Mountain or Rough Mountain
Mt. Washington	Gôdagwajo	Hidden Mountain
Manchester	Namaskik	Place of Fish
Massabesikick Pond	Massabesik	Large Lake
Merrimack River	Molôdemak	Deep River
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Abenaki Stories

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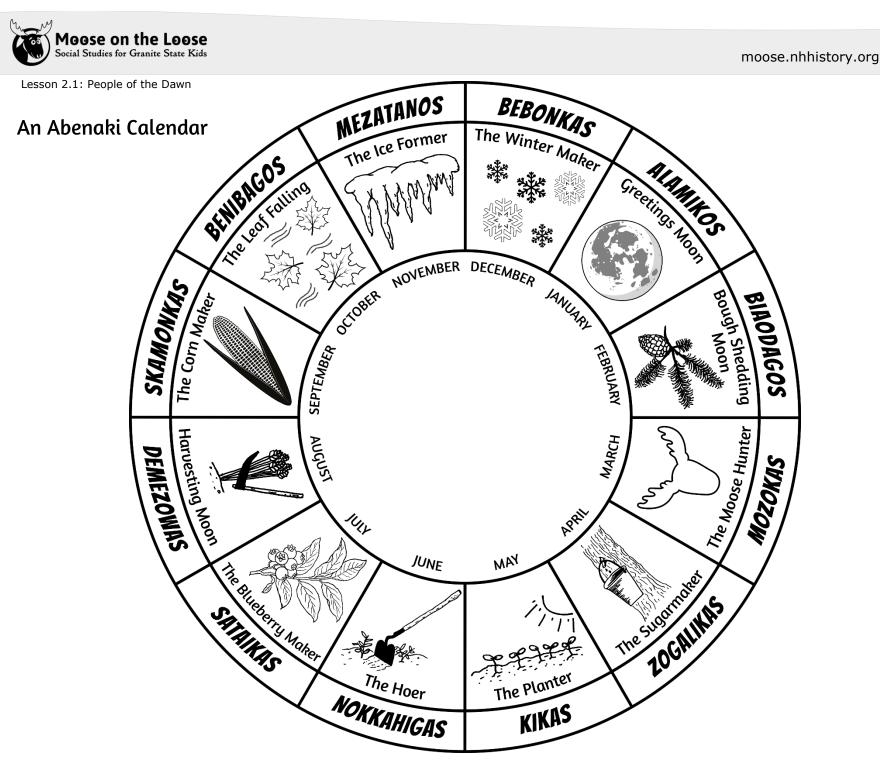


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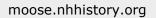
Answer Key

Abenaki Stories

Story Name	Nature Lessons	Morality Lessons
	What about nature is explained in the story? What does the story say the natural world can teach us?	What does the story teach us about how to behave?
Creation Story	It explains how creation came to be, that Gici Niwaskw made the world and that Gluskabe was created by the earth from the dust of creation. Also explained is that lightning created Gluskabe's eyes, nostrils, ears, and mouth by striking him seven times in his face.	It teaches us that we should hear, and see, and smell twice as much as we should talk. We should observe the world around us twice as much as putting our own viewpoints and needs and thoughts out to the world.



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An Abenaki Calendar Pronunciation Guide

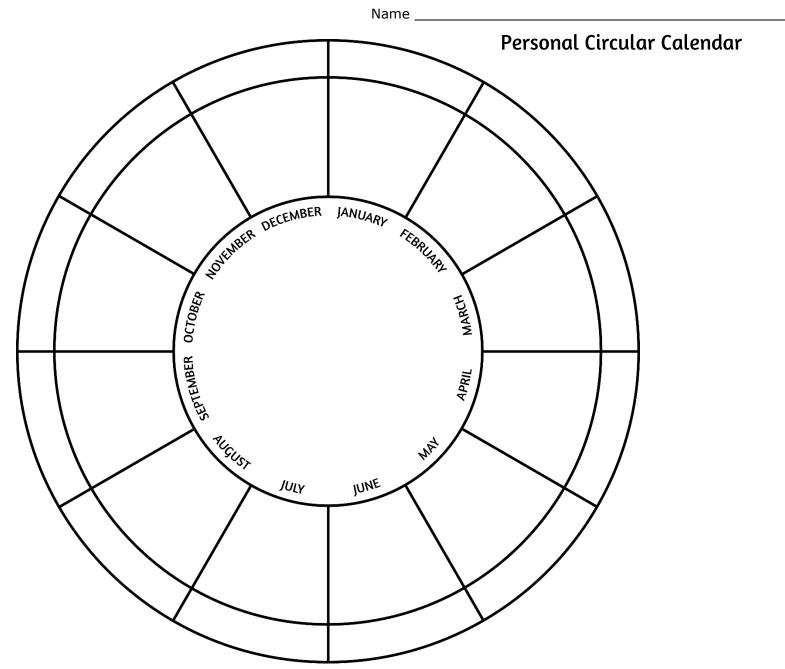
English Name	English Translation of Abenaki Name	Abenaki Name	Abenaki Pronunciation					
January	Greetings Moon	Alamikos	ä-läm'-ē-kōs					
February	Bough Shedding Moon	Biaôdagos	pē-ä-ohn'dä-gōs'					
March	The Moose Hunter	Mozokas	mō-zō-käs'					
April	The Sugarmaker	Zogalikas	sō-gäl'e-käs					
Мау	The Planter	Ki Kas	kē-käs					
June	The Hoer	Nokkahigas	nōkkä'ē-käs					
July	The Blueberry Maker	Sataikas	sä-tī-ē-käs					
August	Harvesting Moon	Demezôwas	tim'ē-sohn-wäs					
September	The Corn Maker	Skamon Kas	skä'mōn-käs					
October	The Leaf Falling Person or Moon	Benibagos	pen-ē'bä-goes					
November	The Ice Former, The Freezer	Mezatanos	mä-zä'ton-ōs'					
December	The Winter Maker	Bebonkas	pë-bone'käs					

Abenaki month names and pronunciations written by Jeanne Brink and Stephen Laurent. Because the Abenaki language does not use Latin characters, transliterations are approximate.



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Lesson 2.1: People of the Dawn





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Timeline of New Hampshire Inhabitants

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- Color the next 5 blocks green. Label this section "The Woodlands Period."
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1. What observations can you make about this timeline?

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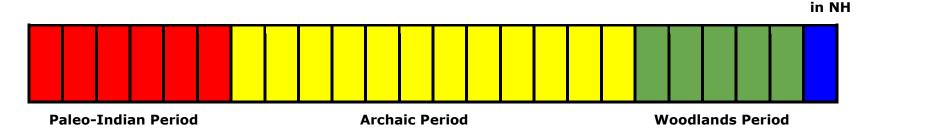
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1. What observations can you make about this timeline?

Yellow represents the longest time, the Archaic Period. Blue, Europeans live in NH, is the shortest.

2. What surprises you?

I'm surprised about how long the Abenaki have lived in this land. I'm also surprised how short a time Europeans have lived here compared to the Abenaki.

3. What claims can you make about this timeline?

Compared to the Abenaki, Europeans have lived in NH for 1/24 of the time. Indigenous people have lived in New Hampshire for much, much longer than the Europeans. Their society has gone through three major time periods.