

November is Native American Heritage Month!



A short video below – shared from Blue Ocean Brain – provides a glimpse into the importance of language and culture. Please take a few moments to watch as Native Americans are asked to do word association with the word “Language.”

Language/Native Americans/One Word/Cut: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K1BsEbjIAo>

KNOWLEDGE CHECK:

Based on the video, which of the following is learning an ancestral language probably *NOT* going to make a Native American person feel?

- a. Empowered
- b. Proud
- c. Articulate
- d. Connected

“Today, there are just under seven million Indigenous people in the United States, and 574 federally recognized tribes. Of those, according to *Language Magazine*, only about 372,000 speak their ancestral language at home. Many have been disconnected from their ancestral cultures.” – Blue Ocean Brain

Indigenous people don’t learn their ancestral languages because they are struggling with speaking English or their home language. Instead, they do it to strengthen their bonds with their identities. So, if your answer is “c” you are correct!