

Introduction

There are 12 Lakota Virtues that were a part of everyday life for our Native American ancestors. They were considered essential to balance and happiness in life, The Lakȟóta people; also known as Teton, Thítŋuŋwaŋ ("prairie dwellers"), and Teton Sioux ("snake, or enemy") are an indigenous people of the Great Plains of North America. They are part of a confederation of seven related Sioux tribes, the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ or seven council fires, and speak Lakota, one of the three major dialects of the Sioux language.

The Lakota are the westernmost of the three Siouan language groups, occupying lands in both North and South Dakota. The seven bands or "sub-tribes" of the Lakota are:

Sičhánŋu (Brulé, Burned Thighs)

Oglála ("They Scatter Their Own")

Itázipčho (Sans Arc, Without Bows)

Húnkpapŋa ("End Village", Camps at the End of the Camp Circle)

Mnikȟówožu ("Plant beside the Stream", Planters by the Water)

Sihásapa ("Black Feet")

Oóhenunpa (Two Kettles)

Values

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3	Wawoohola	Respect
4	Wayuonihan	Honor
5	Cantognake	Love
6.	Icicup	Sacrifice
7.	Wowicake	Truth
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