WE ARE STILL HERE!

The Abenaki (pronounced Ah be na key) people live in Vermont and New Hampshire. In Abenaki we call the land Wobanakik (pronounced Wo ba nak ik) which means the Dawnland because the land is in the East where the sun rises in the morning.

A long time ago, we lived in the woods. We hunted, fished and gathered the things we needed.

But today we live in houses, wear blue jeans, drive cars and work at jobs just like your family. We sing, dance and tell stories like our families used to do long ago.

**Talk with your class. You may learn that you know some Abenakis. Maybe they are in your school or live in your town.**
Use some of your sight words and write about the clothes you like to wear. After you write your sentence, draw a picture of yourself wearing the clothes.

This is me!
Draw a line to match what the Abenaki wore a long time ago to what they wear now.
Connect the dots

What is it?

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HABITATS ARE HOMES

I am an Abenaki artist. I live in the same habitat as many plants and animals. A habitat is where an animal or person can find food, water, and a safe place to live. I make bags and baskets from milkweed plants. Some animals only have one habitat, like the monarch butterfly. Monarch butterflies use the milkweed plant for habitat. First, the mother lays her eggs on the leaves of the plant. Next, a caterpillar will hatch from its egg. It will eat the milkweed leaves until it is big enough to make a chrysalis. Inside, the caterpillar slowly changes into a butterfly! One day the butterfly breaks out of the chrysalis, stretches its wings and flies away. It is important to protect the monarch butterflies so I wait until they all hatch before I gather the plants to make my baskets.

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