

# Abstract

Oral tradition is a vital aspect of Native American culture. This form of storytelling and unique form of archive is the life vessel for preserving history, tribal values and identity, teaching moral lessons, and to even strengthen bonds within the tribe. Despite not being written down but spoken by word, this form of record keeping has been ignored by western academia up until more recently. This is a remarkable step forward, with this meaning that Native American stories and history may be more present in classrooms across America. Even now oral tradition is essential to Native life, having survived centuries of colonization and assimilation it has shown its outstanding importance to Native American culture and livelihood.