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The Haudenosaunee Confederacy

Long before the US Constitution was drafted,

_____ had already been established

In the land now known as North America.

Iroquois was the name given by French settlers,

But they already had a name.

They called themselves the _____—made up of five Indigenous nations.

This _____ was formed by the

Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca—

And then was the Tuscarora joining later.

They all came together to form something major.

Some historians believe the confederacy

Formed as early as 12th century BCE.

Haudenosaunee means "people of the longhouse,"

And this group was brought together under the _____, _____, _____, _____,

The constitution of the confederacy.

According to legend, two Indigenous leaders, The Great Peacemaker and Hiawatha,

Met at a time when tensions were high

Between nations to form the confederacy.

Each nation remained _____ but had a say.

And decisions the confederacy made

Were made by the _____, _____, _____, _____,

Which was made up of chiefs from each nation.

They made decisions about declaring war, signing treaties,

And also organizing the confederacy.

Though all of the chiefs were men,

A lot of power was held by women.

They selected chiefs, owned property,
Could divorce their husbands,
And participated in political decisions;
Men and women working together, same mission.
When the founding fathers set out to unite
The American colonies, they needed more real-life
Examples of the type of government they wanted to establish.
One was close by and already had it.
The Haudenosaunee Confederacy served as a model for a _____
Government that united colonies, while allowing each
To maintain a level of independence. See,
Benjamin Franklin referenced this
In his 1754 Albany Plan of Union
And invited members of the Great Council to address
The Continental Congress in 1776.
This key concept in the US Constitution,
Known as _____, was influenced by the oldest democratic system
In North America. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy
Is a model of peace and cooperation that was not extended back
To the Indigenous tribes who inspired that.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy
Was formed for democracy and peace.
They focused on independence, treaties, and solutions.
It also influenced the US Constitution.
The Haudenosaunee...