



Seneca Social Dances and Songs Lesson #1

What kinds of traditions or celebrations does your family or community have?

Why are they important?



“Seneca Social Dances and Songs” Guided Reading

Key words:

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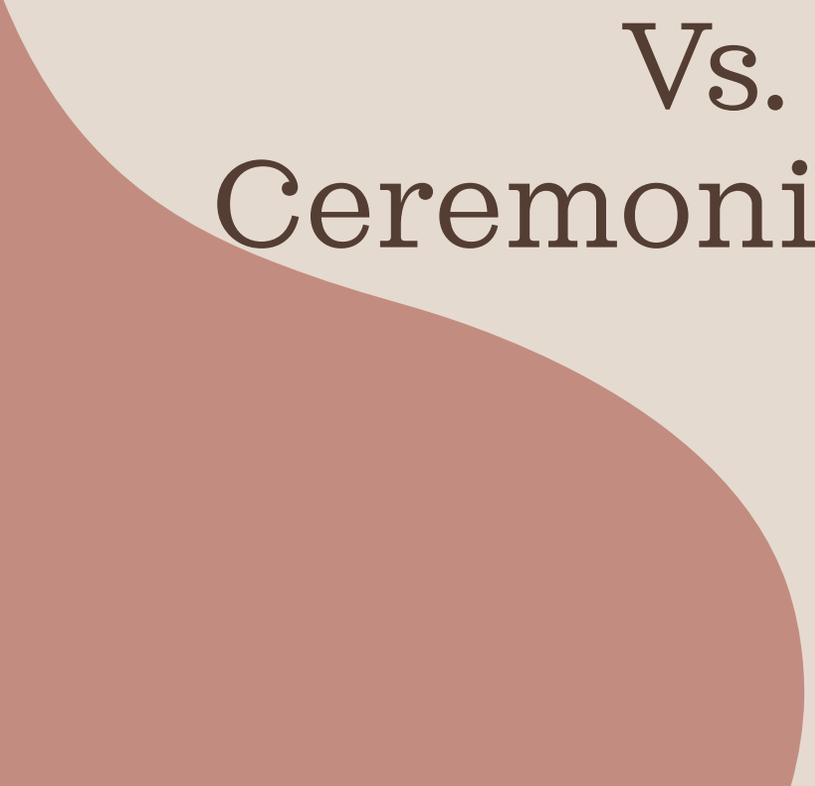
social dance

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Social Dance Songs Vs. Ceremonial Songs



Ceremonial songs and dances are different than social dance songs. Social dance songs are used for socializing purposes. They are for entertainment.

Since social dance songs are not sacred ceremonial songs, anyone can listen and enjoy the songs and dances. Ceremonial songs are kept private among those who attend traditional Seneca ceremonies. Any Seneca songs heard in public places will be social dance music.





Discussion:

IN WHAT WAYS DOES THE READING DESCRIBE HOW SENECA SOCIAL DANCES ARE CONNECTED TO SENECA BELIEFS?

Seneca Social Dance at Ganondagan



(Click to Play on Youtube)



Exit Ticket:

DID THE VIDEO SHOW WHAT WAS DESCRIBED IN THE
TEXT? IN WHAT WAYS?