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## "Oklahoma Native Indian Culture"

The express purpose of this theme is to make Oklahoma ESA members more familiar with our Native Indian population and why it is so important to respect their heritage. My great-great grandmother was of the Indian decent but my relatives did not pass down the information and I have always been ignorant of the rituals and cultural beliefs of my ancestors because I am not sure what tribal group she belonged to. This is why I chose the topic for my educationals. In researching the Indian Cultures of Oklahoma Native Americans, perhaps I can have some of my questions answered. I hope other ESA members will find it interesting and informative.