

ACTIVITY!

MAKE YOUR OWN**LONGHOUSE**

The Iroquois men built their longhouses in the spring when the trees were young and flexible. Longhouses were large enough for 20 or more families to live in. Native Americans used materials that they found in nature. They believed that nothing should go to waste. Build a longhouse using as many natural resources as you can find, including dried weeds, straw, and twigs.

- 1** Turn your shoebox upside down. Cut out a rectangle at either end of your box for the doors.
- 2** Bend your construction paper to form the domed roof and tape it to the shoebox.
- 3** Cut three equally spaced squares along the center of the roof.
- 4** Paint the box brown and let it dry. Cut pieces of brown, white, and green tissue paper for the roof shingles. Glue these into place.
- 5** Glue the dried weeds, straw, and twigs onto the sides of your box.
- 6** Cut out pieces of brown felt for the doors and attach with glue.

SUPPLIES

- ⊙ shoebox without a lid
- ⊙ scissors
- ⊙ brown construction paper
- ⊙ tape
- ⊙ brown paint
- ⊙ paint brush
- ⊙ brown, white, and green tissue paper
- ⊙ glue
- ⊙ dried weeds, straw, twigs, and other natural resources
- ⊙ brown felt

