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Dig Deeper

The World Renewal Ceremonies mentioned in Chapter Four include the White Deerskin Dance. With an adult's help, find some reliable sources about the dance. Write a paragraph about what you learned.





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You Are There

Chapter Four discusses the cedar houses of the Hupa tribe. Imagine you are walking into one of these houses. Write about what you see as you enter the structure. What parts of it stand out most to you?





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Another View

Chapter Two tells a Konkow Maidu creation story. As you know, every source is different. Ask an adult to help you find another Native American creation story. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the two stories. How are they similar? How are they different?





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Why Do I Care?

Native American children learn from the stories passed down by their parents and grandparents. But even if you are not Native American, you can learn from the stories, too. What have you learned from the stories you read in this book? How do they help you understand the culture of the California nations?

