

Think About It: First Nations Communities

1. First Nations communities were based on links between which of the following? Circle all correct answers.

brothers and sisters

neighbours and friends

parents and children

uncles and aunts

doctors and nurses

marriage ties

2. Why were Elders the most important people in a First Nations community?

3. What was a talking circle used for? How were people treated in a talking circle?

4. First Nations men and women had many responsibilities, and boys and girls had many things to learn. Beside each task or responsibility, put an **M** for men, a **W** for women, a **B** for boys, or a **G** for girls. Some will have two answers.

Task or Responsibility	Who did this?	Who learned this?
feeding the community		
making clothing		
clearing the land for planting		
hunting large animals		
fishing		
gathering berries, nuts, and other foods in the forest		
trading with other First Nations		
building homes		
planting and harvesting crops		
fighting other First Nations (when necessary)		
preparing meals		
drying and scraping animal skins		
hunting small animals and birds		