

# We're Going to a Powwow!

## Celebrate Native American Life

The sound of drums fills the air. People start to sing and dance. A **powwow** has begun. A powwow is a festival. It celebrates Native American life.

## Song and Dance



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People sing songs in Native American languages. Some of the songs are old. Other songs are new. People sing to the beat of a drum. Dancers move to the beat. The drum is an important part of the powwow.

## Special Clothes

Dancers wear special clothes at a powwow. The clothes are made by hand. As the dancers get older, they add pieces to the clothes. Some of the pieces are gifts from family and friends.

## Arts and Crafts



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People sell arts and crafts at some powwows. The artists make each item by hand. The arts and crafts often include beadwork, baskets, and pottery.

## Tasty Foods



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Fry bread is often found at powwows. The bread is sometimes used to make special tacos. People put meat, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, and hot peppers on top of the bread. Then they roll it up and eat it.

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**1.** How do powwows begin?

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**2.** How does the author describe a powwow?

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**3.** The passage states that dancers wear special clothes at a powwow. Would a 5-year-old or a 25-year-old dancer have more pieces of clothing? Why?

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**4.** What is the main idea of this passage?

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**5.** The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Some songs at powwows are old, \_\_\_\_\_ others are new.

- A. so
- B. but
- C. because

**6.** Describe one example from the text that shows how the people at a powwow celebrate Native American life.

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