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Understanding Vocabulary & Key Ideas

1. **What is tribal sovereignty?**
 - a) A treaty
 - b) A type of land
 - c) The right of tribes to govern themselves
 - d) A rule made by states

2. **How many federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native nations exist in the United States?**

3. **What does it mean when the reading says tribal sovereignty is “protected by the U.S. Constitution and treaties”?**

Reading for Detail

4. **What rights does tribal sovereignty give to tribes? (List at least three.)**

5. **How do tribes decide who can become a member? Give two examples of criteria they might use.**

6. **Why are treaties still important today, even though they were made long ago?**

Thinking Deeper / Discussion Questions - Select one to answer.

9. **Imagine you are a journalist writing about a tribal nation. Why would understanding tribal sovereignty be important for your work?**

10. Do you think it's fair for tribes to make their own rules for membership? Why or why not?

11. The Constitution says the federal government — not states — handles Indian affairs. Why do you think some states still try to make laws about tribal land or people?

 **Writing Prompt (Extended Response)** Use evidence from the article to support your response.

13. In your own words, explain why tribal sovereignty is important to Indigenous people today. Use at least two pieces of evidence from the reading to support your answer.