

Re: "Generic Native American" words

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On Jul 25, 6:14 am, "onkwehonwe.com" <monig...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I see. If my memory serves me, the Mohawk were one of the nations of the original Iroquois League. How much is there mutual intelligibility between Mohawk and the other languages of the family? Do you understand Oneida, for instance?

I think there was a very comprehensive Oneida course available on the Web not long ago, and I printed it out to acquaint myself with a Native American language. However, I lost both the printout and the original URL. :(

Older people can usually understand most of the Iroquoian languages. It gets confusing to me though, as I am still not fluent in Mohawk YET.

I do notice similarities occasionally, but I usually don't hear too many speakers of Iroquoian dialects in my past travels. That's why most are still on the Endangered list (very few speakers alive).

What do you mean when you say 'New World'?

America, the Western Hemisphere, the New World, take your pick. You see, I am living here in Europe and have never been to the United States.

I used to know one Iroquoian speaker here in Finland, though. He spoke one of the Iroquoian languages natively, but he had learned excellent Finnish, too. I don't know what has become of him since. He was a lecturer in comparative religion, I think.

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