The Choctaw

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Facts for Kids: Choctaw (Choctaws) - Orrins Website The Choctaw Indian Reservation consists of 35,000 acres of trust land scattered over 10 counties in east central Mississippi. The nearly 10,000 members of the Choctaw Nation are descendants of the Mississippi Choctaw, who are members of a Native American tribe that speak the Muskogean language and are one of the Five Civilized Tribes of the Southeast. The Choctaw Nation is one of the largest tribes in the United States, with a population of over 200,000 members. The tribe is recognized as a sovereign nation by the United States government and has a reservation in Mississippi.

The Choctaw have a rich cultural heritage, including a unique language, traditional music, and dance. The tribe has a long history of contributions to American culture, including the invention of the chukka, a type of moccasin that is still worn today. The Choctaw have also made important contributions to the development of American music, including the first recorded blues song.

The Choctaw have faced many challenges over the centuries, including forced relocation and displacement. However, the tribe has persevered and continues to thrive today. The Choctaw Nation is committed to preserving and protecting its culture and heritage, and works to promote understanding and appreciation of Native American history and culture.