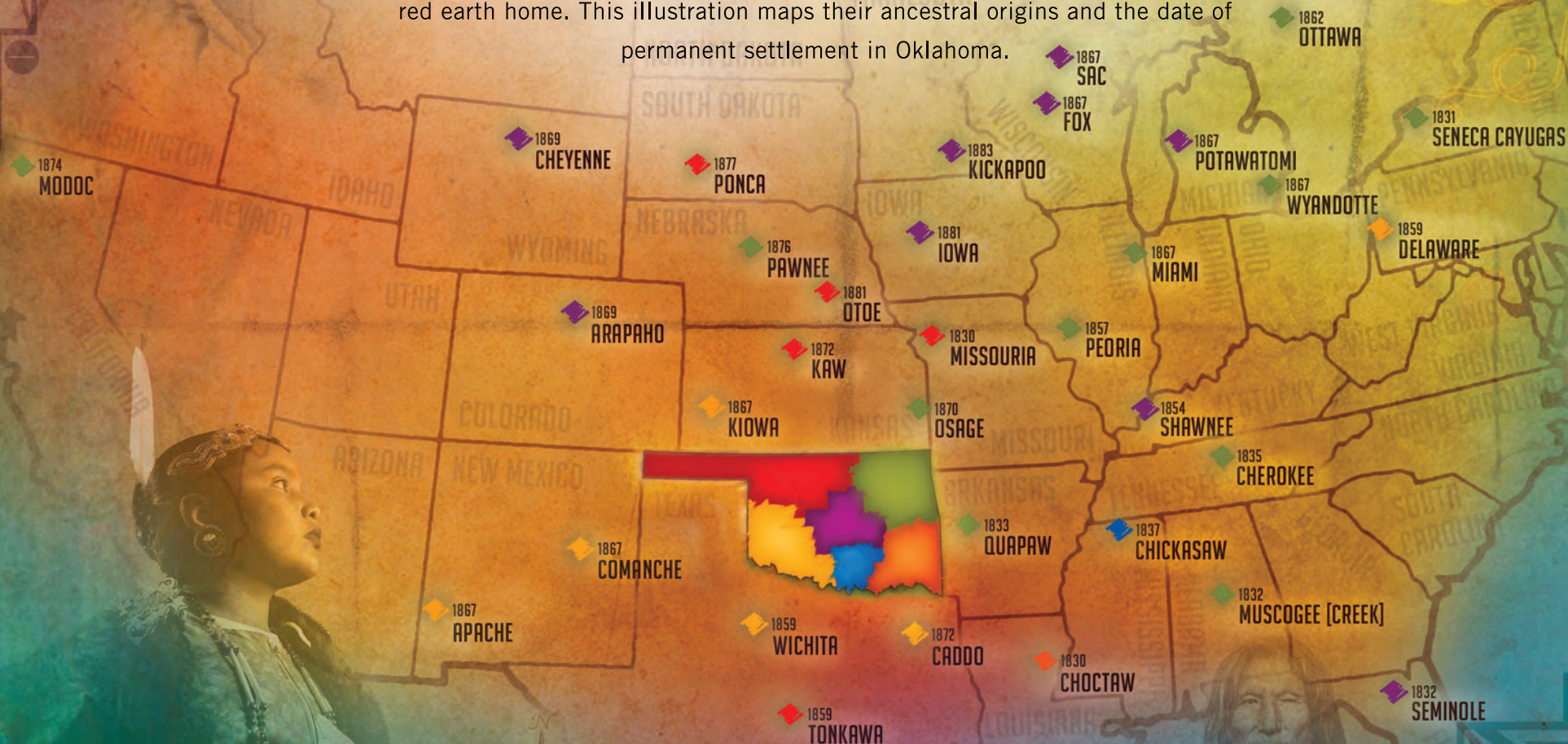


GEOGRAPHIC ORIGINS of OKLAHOMA TRIBES

The great plains and rolling hills of Oklahoma have always been home to a diverse group of America's native citizenry. From the earliest indigenous tribes to those relocated to Indian Territory in the 19th century, 67 nations have called this land of red earth home. This illustration maps their ancestral origins and the date of permanent settlement in Oklahoma.



Oklahoma comes from the Choctaw words “*okla*” and “*humma*,” meaning “*red people*.”

ONE STATE. MANY NATIONS.

Discover and explore more than 85 tribal attractions, museums and cultural centers, and experience a world-class immersion into Oklahoma's native roots. Here are six favorites to get you started.



Cherokee National History Museum – Tahlequah

Built in 1869, the original Cherokee National Capitol has been transformed into a museum filled with art and hands-on exhibits that showcase the tribe's lifestyle from before European contact to today.



Chickasaw Cultural Center – Sulphur

See, feel and even taste the heritage of the Chickasaw tribe through interactive exhibits, botanical displays and traditional dwellings at the largest tribal cultural center in the nation, located on 100 picturesque acres in South Central Oklahoma.



First Americans Museum – Oklahoma City

This media-rich museum explores the collective histories of Oklahoma's 39 distinct tribal nations. Films and audio recordings share stories through a native perspective, and cultural items representing each tribe are displayed.



Choctaw Cultural Center – Calera

This massive facility tells the 14,000-year history of the Choctaw Nation through a series of immersive exhibits. Outside, visitors can explore a living village with a replica of a ceremonial mound, a dance circle and a stickball field.



Standing Bear Park, Museum & Education Center Ponca City

Celebrate the history of American Indians in Oklahoma with a visit to this 63-acre park featuring a 22-foot bronze statue of Ponca Chief Standing Bear, walking trails, a peaceful memorial grove, artifacts, artwork and an outdoor interpretive center.



Washita Battlefield National Historic Site – Cheyenne

Walk through history and witness the tragic site of Custer's surprise attack on the Southern Cheyenne village of Peace Chief Black Kettle. A registered national landmark, the site and visitor center feature exhibits, guided tours and a park film about the events leading up to the battle.

ANNUAL POWWOWS & EVENTS

Share in the traditions of Oklahoma's American Indian tribes by attending an authentic celebration or powwow.

- › **June** – Red Earth Festival, Oklahoma City
- › **June** – Muscogee Nation Festival, Okmulgee
- › **June** – Tonkawa Tribal Powwow, Tonkawa
- › **July** – Otoe-Missouria Summer Encampment, Red Rock
- › **July** – Sac & Fox Nation Powwow, Stroud
- › **August** – Wichita Tribal Dance, Anadarko
- › **August** – Powwow of Champions, Tulsa
- › **August** – Ponca Tribal Powwow & Celebration, Ponca City
- › **September** – Cherokee National Holiday, Tahlequah
- › **September** – Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival, Tuskahoma
- › **September** – Standing Bear Powwow, Ponca City
- › **October** – Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, South Central Oklahoma
- › **October** – Cherokee Art Market, Catoosa



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