

# Native American Inventions Commonly Used Today

## Corn



Corn was cultivated by ancient farmers 10,000 years ago.

## Rubber



Ancient Mesoamericans figured out how to use rubber 3000 years ago.

## Kayak



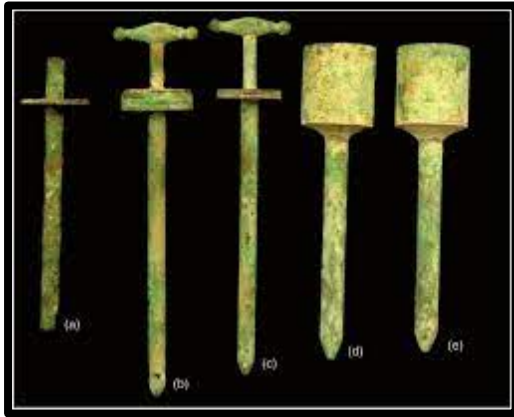
The Inuit in the Arctic developed the concept of a small, narrow boat, with a sealed cockpit to protect the paddler from sinking.

## Snow Goggles



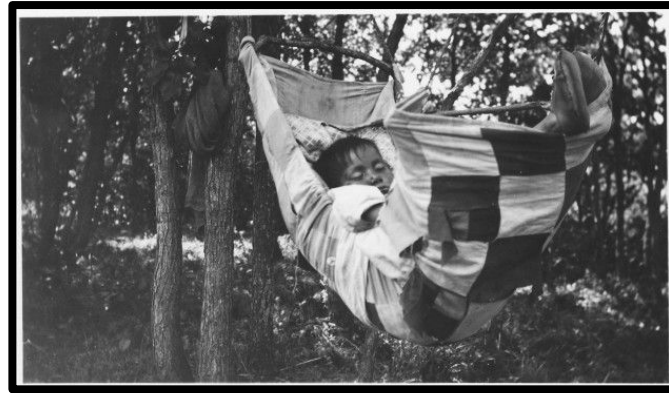
The Inuit also invented goggles fashioned from wood, bone, antler or leather to protect their eyes from over-exposure to sunlight reflected from the snow.

## Syringes



Native Americans fashioned syringes made of animal bladders and hollow bird bones to inject medications.

## Hammocks



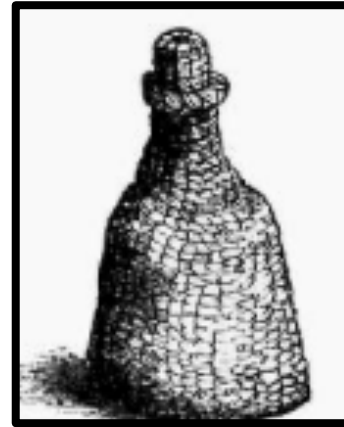
When Christopher Columbus landed in the Caribbean, he found natives resting in hammocks, a bed made from cotton netting and suspended between two trees or poles.

## Cable Suspension Bridge



The Incas figured out how to weave mountain grasses and other vegetation into cables then used them to build super-strong suspension bridges that spanned across gorges.

## Baby Bottles



The Iroquois took dried and greased bear gut and added a nipple fashioned from a bird's quill to create bottles that could be used to feed infants.