Europeans settle the East Coast of America in the 1600s. Many settlers like what they see in American Indian societies...

The Iroquois invent snowshoes to move better in the winter.

Women make important decisions.

There is also a big difference between governments in the Colonial Era:

Iroquois League

For 150 years this democracy successfully governs five tribes over a large territory in upstate New York.

Each English colony runs itself and sets its own laws. Colonies won't cooperate.

Benjamin Franklin!! War with the French is coming! The Board of Trade in London wants American colonies to meet about forming a union for our defense!

Our Iroquois friends will be there. They also dislike the French and want us to get our act together.

We should. We're a mess compared to the Iroquois. No European who tastes their way of life can then bear to live in our colonies!

We need an Iroquois League of our own!

Next: National League