Why Is Learning Native Languages So Important? [dropcapF][/dropcap]or one, in many communities, be it Native American communities in the US or small tribal communities in parts of Africa, native languages are dying at an alarmingly quick rate. The long-term effects of colonization and assimilation have ridden many such communities of their native tongue, and unfortunately socioeconomic circumstances today have not made the task of resurrecting such languages any easier. The benefits of learning a new language in terms of intellectual development are clearly existing and important, however, what is significant is the personal and communal benefits of learning a native language. Copyright: Fh Photo. Native American Languages. Origins and pre-Columbian distribution. The earliest immigrants seem to have come through the Western part of the present day United States. Many probably settled there without moving on: more than half the language families in North America were spoken on the Pacific coast, especially in California. The northern and eastern regions of the present day United States seemed to have been settled later and have few families. So the original Native American spread of population was the mirror opposite of the spread of Europeans many centuries later. California languages (