



How do we get the tools we use everyday? These days it's fairly easy to get the tools we need simply by taking a trip to the local hardware store. However, early Florida natives did not have that luxury because they had to create tools using the resources from their surrounding environment.

The first Americans created unique cultures dependent on where they lived and the natural resources found around them. They relied on the natural world to meet their basic needs, and the challenges they faced in their environment. Your tribe is in dire need to develop a tool that will help make their lives much easier for daily living. As a young Native American engineer, you will be designing and constructing a tool out of Florida native materials (items found in Florida's environment) that could meet one of the basic needs of humans. You will create a product persuading the Cacique (head chief) and tribal council to invest in your product for the livelihood of the tribe.

