



# NEWS DETECTIVES

## TODAY'S NEWS STORY

### The tribe bringing back food traditions

#### KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Food insecurity:**  
Lacking access to food
- ☐ **Indigenous:** Original inhabitants of an area
- ☐ **Bison:** A large ox from North America
- ☐ **Sustainable:**  
Something that can last a long time



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#### BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The Blackfeet are a group of Native Americans in the state of Montana. Their traditional way of life depended on an animal called the bison, but its numbers fell long ago. In 2016, they won increased control over their local area to bring back the bison.

The Blackfeet Nation has lived in Montana for hundreds of years, but in recent times, **food insecurity** has increased. The tribal group is now turning to old ways to feed their population.

#### Food access

The **indigenous** group has access to just four food stores in their entire region. Locals have noted that healthy vegetable and meat options have grown ever more limited.

This has led to health problems such as increasing

rates of heart disease and cancer. It has also meant losing touch with their cultural heritage based on the landscape.

#### Looking back

In times past, the Blackfeet relied on the **bison** as a source of food and cultural identity. Their way of life was based around **sustainable** practices and cultural knowledge.

Since 2016, the tribal government has won more control over local

agricultural resources. They aim for food independence.

#### New solutions

The Blackfeet Community College (BCC) has started providing students with the tools and spaces they need to explore traditional practices, such as raising bison and growing berries.

The early signs are encouraging. "Education is so powerful. It's what we need, to have this programming that heals us," said Helen Carlson of the BCC.





# INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

CAN OLD WAYS BE THE BEST?

**WHAT**  
is threatening  
the Blackfeet?

**WHO**  
works at the  
Community  
College?

**WHERE**  
are the  
Blackfeet  
found?

**WHEN**  
did the new  
initiative  
start?

**WHY**  
did food  
insecurity  
grow?

**HOW**  
is the BCC  
bringing  
change?

## 1 TAKE ACTION

Experts say that societies around the world can learn a lot from the ways that indigenous groups used to manage their relationships with the natural world. Do some research about an indigenous group somewhere in the world, and how it worked with nature.



## 2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece about how indigenous groups understand nature. Share what you've learned with your family and friends. What do they think? We want to hear your ideas too! Your teacher can share your reports with us too by sending them to [editorial@theday.co.uk](mailto:editorial@theday.co.uk).

## 3 Build THE Change



### CREATE YOUR DESIGN

The Blackfeet Nation is trying to bring back bison populations that declined years ago. Design and create a model of a natural park that could support the renewal of an endangered species.

#### STEP 1:

Think about your design!  
How big would the natural park need to be? How would it support the endangered species to thrive?

#### STEP 2:

Build the change!  
Create your design.  
Use LEGO® bricks or household materials to create your model natural park.

**Share your genius**  
Show your work  
to your class!



Upload a photo of your work to the **Build the Change** gallery by scanning the QR code and have your work displayed to inspire real-world change.



## 4 BUILDER OF THE WEEK

Every week we handpick one of the most inspirational designs from our online photo gallery to be our **BUILDER OF THE WEEK**. To get your creation featured here, ask your grown up to take a photograph and upload it to our Build the Change gallery, using the QR code on this page.



This week is a solar powered rocket that collects nuclear power from space.

**"GREAT WORK!"**



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