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Pen Pals Across Tribes

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Lila and Jonah decided to meet in person because they wanted to strengthen their friendship and learn more about each other's cultures. Their meeting was significant because it allowed them to experience each other's traditions firsthand and deepen their understanding of their own Indigenous cultures.
2. Their meeting helped them learn more about their own Indigenous cultures by giving them the opportunity to experience different traditions, dances, songs, and foods. It allowed them to appreciate the richness and diversity of Indigenous cultures.
3. One tradition mentioned in the story is the Navajo hoop dance. This dance involves creating intricate patterns with a series of hoops and is an important cultural expression for the Navajo people.
4. Lila and Jonah's friendship will likely continue to benefit their understanding of Indigenous cultures by providing ongoing opportunities for cultural exchange and learning. They can share stories, traditions, and experiences, further strengthening their bond and cultural knowledge.

