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This essay will be discussing the differences between the Indian way of life vs the life of the early Americans, from “A Gaspesian Man Defends His Way of Life, 1691”. To start off, the native Americans value a minimalistic way of life. They have a quantitatively poorer and less comfortable life due to the animalistic lifestyle, but have a more fulfilling life, due to not needing to work as much to maintain themselves, they only get what they truly need to survive. The Americans on the contrary, are more of a materialistic way of life, they are bound by the social pressures of society. Society’s norm for them is to hoard lots, and to have an extravagant lifestyle. They are willing to sacrifice a LOT, as much as having the courage to leave France, go overseas for months leaving their families, to a less developed area and bootstrap themselves to the riches. The Indians value peace and are conservative while the Americans value wealth and materials.