



**Name:** John Abeel (Cornplanter)

**Years:** 1740-1836

**Residence:** Caledonia, NY

**Biography:** Cornplanter was born to a white father and a Seneca mother. During the Revolutionary War, he fought on behalf of the British against colonial forces in New York. Cornplanter had a great amount of influence in the Seneca Nation, during and after the war. He eventually became the chief of the Seneca Nation. He preached peace among his people and the Americans. He asked for assistance to relieve the pressures on the Native Americans in the new American society, so he was given a grant of land from President Washington. The land, located in Pennsylvania, allowed the Seneca peoples to continue to follow their traditions.

**Major Achievements:** Cornplanter is most known for establishing a place of peace for his people in Pennsylvania.

**More Information:** Seneca Nation of Indians, <https://sni.org/culture/historic-seneca-leaders/>

**Resources:** The Erastus Granger Digital Library, SUNY Oswego, [http://www.oswego.edu/library2/archives/digitized\\_collections/granger/cornplanter.html](http://www.oswego.edu/library2/archives/digitized_collections/granger/cornplanter.html)

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