

From the American Indian Contributions to the World by Emory Dean Keoke & Kay Marie Porterfield regarding place names; American Indians gave many of these names to locations and geographic features long before Europeans arrived in the Americas for instance:

Alabama is a Choctaw word for the name of a tribe that was part of the Creek confederacy and whose members lived in what is now the central part of the state. And, *alba*, which means “gatherers or clearers;” some historians think that the name referred to the tribe’s land clearing endeavors for agricultural purposes, sometimes called MILPA. The word Alabama was used in the first accounts of the 1540 journey through the area by Spanish conquistador Hernando De Soto. (Page 205) AS A MATTER OF FACT, 26 states in the US is derived from American Indian languages.

Indigenous physicians of the Americas demonstrated extensive anatomical knowledge and understood how to set bones, treat wounds, prevent infections, as well as perform complicated surgeries and even the removal of cataracts from the eyes. Get this...they were the first people in the world to develop a public health care system and public health HOSPITALS/facilities which today are designed for people who cannot afford health care at regular medical facility. (Page 166-167)